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MMI Hillsborough cash halted

Giant council insurer freezes claim payouts

By Lindsay Cook, Sara McConnell and Douglas Broom

BRITAIN'S ninth biggest insurance company announced last night that it would pay no claims for the foresecable future after the government ordered it to stop taking new business and renewing existing policies.

The moratorium by Municipal Mutual Insurance, which insured nine out of ten local authorities, will affect more than a million individual policv holders and halt payments to the 500 people bereaved or injured in the Hillsborough football stadium disaster. Another two million people have policies underwritten by MMI, which was also a major underwriter of personal cover for losses suffered by Lloyd's

Michael Heseltine's Board

Display of bodies provokes outrage

BY RAY CLANCY

RELATIVES and friends of the Britons killed in the Pakistan airbus crash last night began their journey to Kathmandu amid a row over the gruesome manner in which the Nepalese authorities have displayed fragments of bodies and personal effects at the airport.

British embassy officials criticised the arrange-ments in Kathmandu as being no more than "a grotesque peep-show" and they removed bodies from an open tent rather than leave them in full public

British High Commis-sion staff have taken the extraordinary step of borrowing a refrigerated lorry and snatching bodies from the tent. Some are now in a cold storage room at the United States embassy as officials try to ease the difficulties for the British when they arrive.

Thirty-nine close relatives and eight friends of those who died boarded a Pakistan International Airways flight at Heathrow Airport to Karachi and are expected to arrive on a connecting flight at Kathmandu today. Some were visibly upset, not only by the process of travelling to identify loved ones but also at having to cope with the fact that they were following in their

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Births, marriages,

of Trade decided to halt MMI business after his department ruled that the company did not meet its solvency requirements. Its forced withdrawal from the public liability market will leave dozens of councils without cover for claims ranging from injuries caused by broken paving stones to compensation for child abuse at local authority hostels. A number are known to have approached brokers in recent weeks about arranging alter-native cover and one leading broker said he now expected "a maelstrom" as authorities scramble to secure cover. The open market has still to set premiums for public liability insurance, but the costs are certain to increase with higher levels of retentions and higher

premium rates for policy holders, resulting in higher council tax bills. The scale of the increases is not likely to be known for some days, but Croft-Baker, of the Lloyd's broker, Fenchurch Insurance Brokers, said councils with a proven commitment to risk management and loss control would be regarded more favourably, Royal Insurance, one of Britain's biggest composite insurance groups has said it would be reluctant to underwrite public liability insurance because MMI's domination of the market meant that it had no access to claims records on which to

hase pricing. Most of MMI's personal customers are council staff who were offered substantial discounts to take out car and home insurance, loans and mortgages. The Cheltenham & Gloucester building society yesterday transferred all its 216,000 buildings and contents policies and mortgage indemnity cover to General Accident. The Automobile Association, the largest general insurance broker, and at least one other major broker had earlier suspended sales of mo-tor and household insurance policies with MMI.

An estimated 80,000 of the AA's 1.6 million customers written by MMI. From yesterday, any customer whose policy is due for renewal will be offered cover by another "household name insurer" on the same terms and at the same cost as they would have got from MMI.

Similar arrangements have been made for buildings and contents insurance underwritten by the group. MMI was on the AA's panel of insurers as part of a consortium of 12 companies which underwrites insurance for about 300,000 customers have insurance underwritten by this consortium.

MMI suffered pre tax losses of £240.3 million in 1991. sharply up on losses of nearly £50 million in 1990, and needed an injection of funds to survive. Since July, it had been in merger talks with La Guarantie Mutuelle des Fonctionnaires (GMF), of France, but at it became clear at the weekend that these were not going ahead smoothly. GMF insisted earlier this week that talks were off and that it was not interested in doing a deal. MMI claimed that the two companies were stili talking, but yesterday accepted that the negotiations had broken down. MMI is now discussing the transfer of parts of the business to other

Local council leaders said that if claims against them had to be paid from their own funds they would have to raise local taxes to pay for it. Geoffrey Filkin, secretary of the Association of District Councils, said authorities would press the government for permission to borrow to cover any losses.



Academic style: Baroness Thatcher was yesterday installed as chancellor of Buckingham University. Lord Hailsham, right, received an honorary degree

Europe moves forward as 12, says Major

By Charles Bremner in Paris and Nicholas Wood

JOHN Major obtained a French agreement that all members of the European Community must move forward together when he met President Mitterrand in Paris yesterday. There was no word of any agreement on the European Monetary System

However, French officials emphasised that M Mitterrand's desire was to help Mr Major win approval for Maas-tricht in Parliament. The French foreign ministry said yesterday that it could accept ratification at a date beyond the end of this year, when it is due to come into force.

"We were absolutely at one that the Community needs to move together as Twelve . . . I don't think any of us wants to see what's loosely called a two-speed Europe," Mr Major said after his 90-minute meet-ing with M Mitterrand

"I detected no impatience; a lot of understanding and a lot of agreement," he added. Mr Major said that he had reached agreement "about the nature of some of the changes we want to bring about" and the talks had been "extremely useful" in preparing for the emergency EC summit this month in Birmingham. M Mitterrand, just back from convalescing in Britanny, accompanied Mr Major to the front door of the Elysée Palace. Neither Mr Major nor French officials would com-

ment on financial aspects of their talks. Paris is resisting any attempt to modify the European monetary system. M Mitterrand was likely to have asked Mr Major to explain what he meant by 'fault lines" in the system.

France is prepared to "seek all means to ensure the speediest and most harmonious way to ratify the treaties", a French foreign ministry spokesman said. This could include waiting for British ratification after the New Year. Britain received further support yesterday from Michel Rocard, M Mitter-

rand's prime minister from 1988-1991, who criticised the Bundesbank for making negative statements about the

The president and Mr Major said in a joint statement that they had noted that the debate in France and else-where over Maastricht had revealed public concern about the need to respect national identity and avoid Community interference in matters of national action. They agreed that the Community must be more open to public scrutiny. After nearly 50 per cent of



Mitterrand: wants

tricht, the Mitterrand administration is eager to add clarifying notes to the treaty, but it is ruling out any renegotiation. The president was thought likely to have urged Mr Major to end his row with Germany. He briefed him on his meeting last week with Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, which prompted speulation about an alleged Franco-German plan to push ahead to monetary unification without Britain and the other weaker European economies.

Last night, Mr Major returned to London to dine with Poul Schluter, the Danish prime minister. They were likely to attempt to clarify Danish objections to the existing Maastricht text.

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Cabinet battle on EFA bill

By Michael Evans and Sheila Gunn

A BATTLE will break out between ministers today over whether Britain should foot the entire cost of the £22 billion European Fighter Aircraft after a public statement that Britain would build the plane on its own if its three partners pull out.

The jet fighter is expected to be discussed at today's meeting of the cabinet committee on public spending chaired by Norman Lamont, the chancellor. Malcolm Rifkind, defence secretary, the defence ministry and British Aerospace, prime contractor for the EFA project in Britain, say that the fighter can still be built cost effectively by a single nation.
But Mr Rifkind, the defence

secretary, is under pressure to cut back his original budget for 1993-4 of £24.5 billion. One Treasury official said yesterday: "It is difficult to see INDEX how Britain can go it alone on

imposed a six-month pay freeze on its 34,000 staff.

EFA. Many people here think is almost certainly doomed." Michael Portillo, chief secretary to the Treasury, is keeping close watch on EFA costs. Britain has already spent E1.5 billion on development costs and is committed to a further

£1.3 billion. Britain's share of the development and production bill would be about £10.7 billion with all four nations in the project. Treasury officials have warned the defence ministry

that, if the fighter aircraft is saved, big reductions must be found elsewhere in the defence budget. The first public statement that Britain would consider building EFA on its own was made by Jonathan Aitken, the defence procurement minister, at a conference in London. His view is fully supported by Mr Rifkind. although he would prefer to see the fighter built by four

nations jointly. Threatened by the possible withdrawal of Italy and Spain, as well as Germany, from the production phase of the fighter programme, the defence ministry has begun to make serious calculations about the cost of going it alone.

Production costs could rise by about 10 per cent, or £2.5 million-£2.8 million extra for each aircraft, defence sources said. The RAF's requirement is for 250 aircraft to replace Phantom, Jaguar and eventually Tornado F3, the air defence version.

The three main political parties support EFA, partly because of the 40,000 jobs at risk if the plane were can-celled. But a decision to build it alone could undermine parliamentary support. One senior Labour backbencher warned yesterday he found it Communed on page 18, col 2

ON OTHER **PAGES Joyrider** jailed

A driver who killed five young people while racing a friend at 80mph was jailed for five years yesterday. Shaun Gooch, 25, who crashed into the children and teenagers at Swindon, Wiltshire, last year, was convicted of causing death by reckless driving Page 3

Smith decision John Smith has decided to

sack Labour's advertising agents, the shadow communications agency, which introduced the red rose ...Diary, page 14 Labour conference, page 8

Bush challenge President Bush yesterday

put Bill Clinton on the defensive by challenging him to debates on each of the four Sundays evenings before the election. Page 12

Ciskei verdict

A South African judge has condemned the Ciskei armed forces in a report on last month's Bisho mas-... Page 13

Resign call

Gerald Ratner, chief executive of Ratners Group, faced calls for his resignation at an annual shareholders'

BR keeps fare rises very quiet

BY MICHAEL DYNES TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

FARES went up this week without any prior warning on selected Regional Railways routes in an attempt by rail managers to cut bad publicity. Exasperated by the hostile media comment and passenger irritation associated with annual fare increases, Regional Railway managers decided not to draw attention to the latest fare rises of 5 to 10 per cent as an "experiment" to test media and public reaction. They are usually announced

Regional Railways said: "No one else announces fare increases so why should we. It only creates negative feedback. We felt that as the airlines and the bus companies don't do it. we shouldn't either."

Fares are up 5 per cent between Birmingham and Stafford, Hereford, Redditch, Lichfield, Shrewsbury, Northampton, Stratford and Learnington. Single and day return fares on some longer journeys, such as Nottingham to Birmingham, Cardiff to Birmingham, and Leicester to East Anglia go up 10 per cent. Michael Patterson, secretary of the central transport consultative committee, the passengers' watchdog, said: "British Rail is a public service

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Rover told union leaders that the freeze was part of an effort to protect jobs. Last week saw thousands of jobs cut by Rover's competitors Ford and Rolls-Royce as well as 3,000 jobs cut by British Aerospace. Rover's parent company.

More companies to sack staff BY OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF planned to make 387 workers

MORE than 2,000 jobs were said yesterday that it would shed 600 jobs in Britain at the lost yesterday in another swingeing round of job cuts, and Rover the car company

end of this month. Sites affected would include its headquarters in Portsmouth and manufacturing centres in Havant, Hampshire, and Greenock, on the Clyde. Research Machines, a Brit-

ish computer maker, announced 120 job losses at its offices in Didcor, Oxfordshire. and Mill Street, Oxford.

sales centres. The BBC is to lose 129 jobs at its Pebble Mill centre, in Birmingham, and from its London outside broadcasts unit; and National Power and PowerGen, the two privatised electricity genera-tors, are to cut 220 jobs. Eastern Electricity has announced 90 redundancies:

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and has a public duty toannounce when fares are going up. It cannot do this under the counter."

MPs will quiz Lamont and **Hurd before EC** summit

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

NORMAN Lamont and Douglas Hurd have been called before two committees of MPs on October 12 for questioning on their economic and European policies since Britain left the European exchange-rate mechanism.

The cross-party committees decided yesterday to hold the emergency hearings a week before parliament returns so that the Chancellor and foreign secretary can explain their strategy before the special summit of EC leaders in Birmingham on October 16, focusing on the ERM and the

Shephard backs EC jobs plan

BY RONALD FAUX

IMPROVED living standards for Europe had to be earned through economic success and could not be legislated into existence by governments. Gillian Shephard, employment secretary and president of the EC social affairs council, told a multinational conference in Manchester last night.

She told the audience of employment service managers from 26 countries that Europe's response to a declining share of world markets must be to encourage labour markets to allow businesses proper flexibility to improve productivity.

Job creation policies also should have a high priority for the European Community, where 16 million were now unemployed, around half of them for a year or more, creating a high social and economic cost. Mrs Shephard announced that she would be presenting an employment initiative at the informal meeting of employment and social affairs ministers in Wales in

The initiative she said. would reflect her conviction of the value of European counines snamng enecuve v helping the unemployed by providing information, effect-

ive job advice and counselling. The UK system succeeded in filling 75 per cent of vacancies notified by businesses. She said: "Let me make it clear, however, that we do not put forward the United Kingdom system as the ideal model

Maastricht treaty. The hearings are billed partly as a postmortem examination after the turmoil of recent weeks but. more importantly, to grill the ministers about what will be on the table at the summit.

By sandwiching the sessions between the party conference and the summit, the MPs hope to bring out more details about how Britain wants the ERM reformed and progress on the treaty. MPs on the Treasury select committee, which will also visit the Bundesbank in early November, are worried at indications that Mr Lamont will not announce details of his monetary policy until his Mansion

House speech on October 29. John Watts, chairman of the Treasury and civil service select committee, said: "We will try and tease out as much as we can. We thought we should take evidence on recent events but more importantly on what are the guidelines for the conduct of economic policy now we are out of the ERM, either indefi-

nitely or temporarily." Sir Alan Walters, the government's former economic adviser and a critic of the ERM. told senior Conservative MPs that he saw no way of reforming the ERM to solve the problems which caused the recent turbulence in the money markets.

Pegging currencies, as op-posed to floating or fixing sterling, was "neither fish nor fowl" as the system created a roller-coaster effect. "The view that the ERM is all right and it was just that we got in at too

high a rate is rubbish." John Major's shuttle diplomacy failed to appease Tory Euro-sceptics. Sir Teddy Taylor said that return to the ERM was unthinkable. Sir Teddy, MP for Southend East, said: "I hope that John Major will offer friendship, cooperation and goodwill to François Mitterrand and say that the best future for Europe is for them to go ahead with the ERM and to leave us out." But Edwina Currie. Tory MP for South Derbyshire. mechanism "sooner or later" rather than being left to float.

stopping our currency flying around as if it's just a leaf in Lord Ridley, who was forced to resign from the Thatcher cabinet over anti-German comments, said that the gov-

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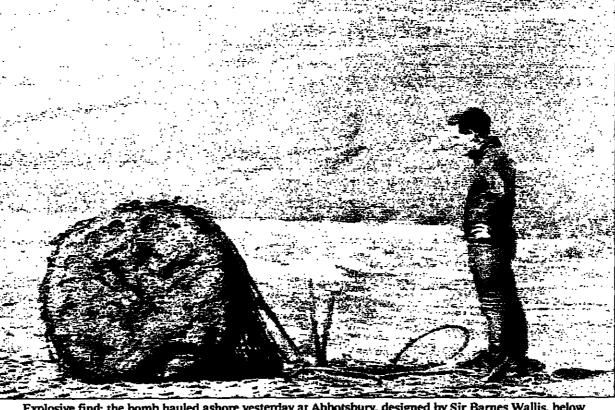
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Explosive find: the bomb hauled ashore yesterday at Abbotsbury, designed by Sir Barnes Wallis, below

Wallis dambuster bounces back

ONE of the bouncing bombs developed by the late Sir Barnes Wallis for the Dambusters operation in the second world war was raised vesterday from the sea off Chesil Beach,

Dorset (John Young writes).

The prototype, not armed but filled with a mixture of concrete, cork and wood to approximate the operational weight of 9,250lb, was recovered by a Royal Navy Sea King helicopter and divers from the Royal Engineers, and was taken to Portland Museum, where it will form part of a display marking the 50th anniversary of the raid. On the night of May 17, 1943, the 19

Lancasters in the raid, under the command of Wing Commander Guy Gibson, dropped the bombs that skimmed across the waters of the Ruhr, in Germany's industrial heartland, to breach the Möhne, Eder and Sorpe dams. Two hundred million tons of water were released in a flood that destroyed thousands of acres of factories and farmland

Albert Speer, then head of Hitler's arma ments industry, later confided that this single raid, combined with the United States Air Force's destruction of a number of synthetic oil plants, achieved almost more than the whole of the rest of allied bombing.



Boards defend **GCSE**

By MATTHEW D'ANCONA **EDUCATION** CORRESPONDENT

GCSE examining boards have denied claims by inspectors that the examination is in decline, in a response likely to infuriate education ministers.

The Joint Council for the GCSE, which co-ordinates the work of the examining groups, said that the damning conclusions of the "impressionistic and month, compiled by Her Majesty's Inspectorate were unsubstantiated.

George Turnbull, spokesman for the Southern Examining Group, said that the GCSE was the most closely monitored test and had not been faulted by Welsh or Northern Irish authorities this year. "Only the English HMI have raised these issues, and they have not provided any concrete evidence. It is difficult to know what to change when the objections are so anecdotal.

The boards' staunch de-

fence of their record is unlikely to satisfy John Patten, the education secretary, who said last month "the general public would explode in anger" if the decline of the GCSE was not acknowledged by the end of September. He would not hesitate to use "his quite severe powers". The education department said in a preliminary re-sponse yesterday that the council's "quibbles" were regrettable and would surprise inspectors. Nigel de Gruchy, gener-

al secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, said that the original inspectors' report "was selectively leaked by the secretary of state in a manner which we can now see to have been highly selective and politically motivated".

Fare increase secrecy helps rail staff but not passengers

By Michael Dynes, transport correspondent

REGIONAL Railways' decision to introduce its latest round of fare increases by what can be described only as sleight of hand highlights the dilemma faced by rail managers attempting to run the national rail network.

Fare increase announcements may set off public resentment over the railways' cost and quality, but at least they ensure that passengers know in advance that a journey will cost more. Failure to make any announcement

a little more tolerable, but it deprives passengers of vital information they believe is

theirs by right.
Claims that the railways should be free to act in the same way as the airline and bus companies by doing all they can to minimise publicity over fare increases do not wash. British Rail is still in the public sector, and passengers insist that rail managers have a public duty to notify them of

any changes in their costs. In fact, the Regional Rail-

RAIL FABE INCHEASES

Single and day returns on some Regional Ratiways long distance routes including Nottingham to Birmingham, Cardiff to Birmingham, and Leicester to East Anglia All Centro (West Midlands transport authority) routes All tickets from Birmingham to Stafford, Hereford, Redditch, Lichfield, Shrewsbury, Northampton, Stratford and Leamington Fares on the Crewe to Nottingham and Matlock branch line

All tickets between Nottingham and Skegness . All tickets between Shrewsbury, Aberystwyth, and Machynlleth River bus stays afloat

THE RiverBus partnership, London's ailing waterborne passenger service, has been given a one-month stay of execution in the hope that a private-sector buyer can be found to save the company from bankruptcy, it was an-nounced vesterday (Michael Ernst & Young, the Canary

Wharf administrators, Lon-don City Airport, and other parties have agreed to subsidise the service for another month at a cost in excess of £100,000. The longer-term future of the company will be assessed on a monthly basis, though there is little sign of market interest. Up to eight crew redundancies are due to be announced later this week. The high-speed service between Chelsea and Docklands was launched by Paul Channon, the former transport secretary, in June 1988. But despite recent increases in

patronage, the company has not been able to attract the

volume of passengers it needs.

The future of the RiverBus was thrown into doubt when Olympia & York, the Canary Wharf developer and principal owner of the service, went into administrative receivership in May. The RiverBus partnership is the forth attempt since the second world war to exploit the Thames as a highway for commuting. The company's fortune's have not been helped by the refusal of ministers to integrate the service into London Transport's travelcard structure.

Putting a brave face on yesierday's announcement. William Edgerly, the company chief executive, said: "We are delighted that this valuable transport link has been maintained for a further

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final batch of fare increases agreed between British Rail and the government towards the end of last year. They coincide, however, with the latest round of negotiations between rail and transport officials over fare rises which

will start in January. Next year's fare increases are unlikely to be announced until after the end of the Conservative party conference next week. BR is understood to be looking for an increase above inflation, probably raise more funds for long-

overdue investment schemes. Fare increases are particularly unpopular at the moment because of growing fears that considerably larger ones may follow privatisation. Jimmy Knapp, general secretary of the Rail, Maritime and Fransport workers' union, told the Labour party conference in Blackpool this week that fare increases of 142 per cent would be required to "facilitate

privatisation".

John MacGregor, the transport secretary, responded limply to Mr Knapp's allegation yesterday, insisting that he did not "recognise the 142 per cent figure". He refused to put a figure on next year's increase but pointed out that fares will have to go up "to reflect the very substantial investment that is going on". The government was spending £1.4 billion of taxpayers money on rail investment in the present financial year, he said. "We do have to recognise that the huge investment has to be paid for," he added.

Rail passengers do not need much encouragement to read between the lines, as it were. High levels of investment in new track and rolling stock will automatically lead to fare increases on top of inflation. Moreover, because of the huge backlog of investment needed to modernise the railways, passengers face such increases every year for the foreseeable Secret fare rises, page 1

NEWS IN BRIEF

Paisley ends boycott of Stormont talks

The Democratic Unionist party ended its boycott of the talks on the future of Northern Ireland yesterday after a meeting with Sir Patrick Mayhew (Richard Ford writes). The Rev Ian Paisley had said the DUP would not attend the three days of talks because the Irish Republic's constitutional claim over

the province was not on the agenda.
It is understood that Sir Patrick, the Northern Ireland secretary, urged Mr. Paisley to re-enter the talks. Mr Paisley was believed to have returned to the negotiating table at Stormont in an attempt to force the issue of articles 2 and 3 of the republic's constitution. His action may also have been prompted by a desire to prevent the rival Ulster Unionist party resping political advantage from being seen to have been the party pressing the Unionist case in face to face talks with Dublin ministers.

Yesterday's meeting was the first since Albert Reynolds

Yesterday's meeting was the first since Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, and John Major met last week and set November 16 as the date for the next meeting of the Anglo-Irish Inter-Governmental Conference. Unionists have said that should the talks process still be continuing, holding that meeting will effectively end the process.

Vaccine launched

A campaign begins today to immunise every child under four within a year against the commonest strain of bacterial meningitis. The new vaccine will protect against Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) which causes 50 per cent of all childhood meningitis cases, blood poisoning, a severe form of croup, pneumonia and infections of bones. There are about 1.300 victims of Hib infection and more than 700 cases of meningitis each uses more children on the contract of the contract of meningitis each uses more children on the contract of meningitis each uses more children on the contract of meningitis each uses more children on the contract of meningitis each uses more children on the contract of meningitis each uses more children on the contract of meningitis each uses more children on the contract of the contra than 700 cases of meningitis each year, most children go to hospital, about 65 die and 150 suffer brain damage. Dr Kenneth Calman, the government's chief medical officer, said that more than 20 million doses of Hib vaccine had been used worldwide with no serious side-effects.

Paedophiles in homes

Children are in danger of abuse because social service chiefs are not appointing the right staff in care homes, according to the government enquiry into recruitment set up after the Frank Beck case disclosed extensive abuse in Leicestershire children's homes. Selection procedures border on the negligent, and proper police checks are still not being made. Norman Warner, head of the enquiry, told the annual conference of the Association of Directors of Social Services on the Isle of Wight. Mr Warner said: "This unsatisfactory situation has made it easier for a small group of people with perverted and paedophile tendencies to indulge their proclivities in children's homes."

Texaco buys village

A community in Dyfed was turned into a "ghost village" yesterday when the Texaco oil company bought most of its 33 houses for £2.5 million. Only eight families in Rhoscrowther have declined the offer and will stay in the village, which has a church and community hall. Texaco offered to buy the village after an explosion earlier this year injured 18 workers and raised safety fears. The deadline for acceptance was yesterday. Texaco is also paying residents £3,500 to cover the cost of removals and carpets and curtains. Most of the villagers will have moved out by Christmas. The oil company will use some of the houses as classrooms while others will be demolished and replaced by trees.

Singer on affray charge

Joe Longthorne, right, the pressionist was charged with affray yesterday after an incident at a restaurant in Torquay, Devon. Police said Mr Longthorne, 38, who has appeared in summer shows along the south coast, was arrested at at his home near Burchetts Green. Maidenhead. Berkshire. then released on police bail. He will appear before mag-

istrates on October 20.



Control of relics urged The Victorian Society has called for stricter controls on the

sale of fixtures from listed buildings, which it claims has reached epidemic proportions and affects properties of all periods. In a report published yesterday, the society gives examples including Leighton Hall, Powys, where the owner was fined £500 for removing from the grounds a listed statue of Icarus plunging head first into an ornamental lake. The report, Coming Unstuck, says. The ever increasing demand for architectural antiques — fireplaces, panelling. garden ornaments and ceramic tiles - has led to a corresponding drain of such items from the buildings of which they were once an integral part."

Zoo members resign

The secretary and treasurer of London zoo, which has been under threat of closure, announced their resignations to a meeting of the governing council yesterday. Sir Barry Cross. the secretary, and Peter Holwell, who is also principal of London University, blamed pressures arising from the financial problems of the zoo for their decisions, which follow two votes of no confidence passed by the fellows of the Zoological Society of London, the zoo's governing body. Sir Barry, who has been secretary since 1988, said: "I have sadly reached the conclusion that the majority of the fellows do not share my commitment to the continuance of the scientific aims of the society."



Pollution watchdog warns power firm By Michael McCarthy, environment correspondent

NATIONAL Power, the country's largest electricity genera-tor, was given a broad hint by the government yesterday that it must spend hundreds of millions of pounds on pollution control if it is to burn a new low-cost fuel oil that scientists lear will greatly increase acid rain.

The warning is an important signal to industry on the eve of the government's second annual report on progress towards the aims of the 1990 environment white paper. which Michael Howard, the environment secretary, will

The warning came from the pollution inspectorate, which made its attitude clear even while agreeing to more talks

tion to burn orimulsion - a bitumen-based fuel from Venezuela which is high in sulphur — in power stations at Pembroke. Dyfed. and Padiham. Lancashire. The plan has provoked pro-

tests from environmentalists and from the National Rivers Authority and the Countryside Council for Wales, which fears that sulphur emissions from the large Pembroke plant, in particular, could produce acid rain that would kill salmon. trout and other wildlife in Welsh upland rivers.

The company's application is seen as a test of the pollution inspectorare's ability to deal toughly with powerful industnal groups and of the government's willingness to back it.

vesterday to rule on the plan to burn the new fuel, which is cheaper than coal, without fitting costly flue-gas desul-phurisation (FGD) equipment. This would remove 90 per cent of sulphur emissions. but at a cost of about £300 million, which National Power says would end orimulsion's

cost advantage. At the last minute, the company asked for more time to present its case. The inspectorate agreed, but took the unusual step of hinting publicv that it was wasting its time. Ít said in a statement: "Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution has indicated to National Power that, on the evidence presented to it so far. it does not believe that the

ther Pembroke or Padiham power stations would be justified without further measures to protect the environment." almost certainly the use of FGD equipment or equivalent

> tal pressure groups are sure to hold the government to this. ☐ England and Wales may have 600,000 acres of poten tially contaminated land, more than double the environment department's estimate, according to Sir William Halcrow and Partners, the consulting engineers, in a study of government proposals to list such land in public registers held by councils. The study is for Thames Television's This Week, reporting tonight on

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Banned motorist lost control while racing through streets a

Judge jails 'wicked' driver for deaths of five youngsters

By A STAFF REPORTER

A BANNED driver was yest-erday sentenced to five years imprisonment for killing five youngsters in an 80mph road

Shaun Gooch, 25, struck a group of children and teenagers gathered at a bench in Swindon, Wiltshire, as he raced past his friend. The former soldier showed no emotion as a jury at Gloucester Crown Court found him guilty of causing the deaths by

reckless driving.

Judge Hutton sentenced him to the maximum five-year penalty on the charge, with a consecutive three-month sen-tence for an admitted offence of driving while banned.
Gooch, a bricklayer from
Swindon, was further banned
from driving for ten years.
During the 11-day trial, the

jury was told that Gooch had previous convictions for motoring offences, including a drink-drive ban. He had been disqualified for insurance offences before his car careered off the road and into the youngsters in September of last year.

Three young people aged between seven and 16 died instantly, and two girls, aged 15 and 19, died in hospital The victims were Ian Lilley, 7, Sheree Lear, 8, Paul Carr, 16, Paula Barnes, 15. and

Belinda Brown, 19. Anthony Gallagher, 23, a machine operator, also of Swindon, wept as the jury cleared him of causing death by reckless driving. He was found guilty on an alternative

charge of careless driving.
The jury had been told that Gooch had caused a "heartrending and devastating tragedy by racing in Akers Way, a residential road with a

40mph speed limit.
Nigel Pascoe, QC, for the prosecution, said that the accident had happened because Gooch lost control as he overtook Gallagher and brushed against his car. Sentencing Gooch, a boxing enthusiast.

Judge Hutton said: "You were racing - not racing with Gallagher, because he was not racing, but racing against him, probably to show off. The result was that the lethal instrument that you had control of, namely your motor car, went completely out of

control The judge added: "Public grief and, more particularly, the grief of the bereaved families of these children and the general outrage have been enormous. There must be a severe penalty to punish you for the enormity of what you have done and also, one hopes, to deter other people

from wicked driving."

The court was told that Gooch's car cataputted off a kerb and careered into the bench. It then took off and landed upside down in a hedge. Gooch, who was thrown clear in the crash, suffered a shoulder fracture and was taken to hospital However, before he left the scene, he denied that he was the driver and gave a false name to police.

PC David Bristow told the jury that skid marks on the road showed that Gooch's car had been travelling at just over 80mph when he had lost control. Michael Twelvetree, a lecturer in physics, said that he had calculated Gooch's speed at 85.86mph.
Gooch claimed in evidence

that he had not realised that he was banned from driving at the time and blamed Gallagher for the tragedy. He alleged that the other driver was indicating to turn left but then pulled out to the right. "cutting him up" as he started to overtake.

After the verdicts, Inspector Pauline Tilley said: "We can not bring back the lives of five young children or heal the two children who were seriously injured in this crash. If the judge had given Gooch 100 years, it would probably not have been enough."





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The guilty and the innocent: Shaun Gooch, top, who denied the charges; the scene of the crash and, from left to right, four of his young victims: Belinda Brown, 19, Ian Lilley, 7, Paul Carr, 16, and Sherry Lear, 8

11-year-old boy to be kept under lock and key

By LOUISE HIDALGO

VIRGINIA Bottomley, health secretary, has granted a local authority permission to keep under lock and key an 11year-old boy who continually absconded from residential care and is alleged to have been involved in a string of

A health department spokesman said yesterday that it was unusual for an applica-

tion to be made to hold a child so young in secure accommodation, but that the case was exceptional. The boy has been in local authority care in Yorkshire since before his tenth birthday.

The authority made the request after the boy absconded for the sixth time from the residential home he had been living in for the past six

He is believed to have been

apprehended by police but escaped from a police station in Yorkshire by squeezing through a hatch in the door and slipping between the sec-urity gates. He has since been arrested in connection with alleged burglaries.

The request to contain the boy was made to the health department on the grounds that the boy's behaviour would continue to pose a threat to the community if he remained in

residential care. Officials now have to apply to the magis-trates' court for an order to move him to a secure unit. At present, there are 225

young people under the age of 18 held in secure units in Britain. Six are under 12.

A spokesman for the health department said: "The Children's Act allows for young people to be held in secure accommodation only as a last resort, which is why applica-

tions have to be made first to the health department." ☐ Children as young as 14 are being sent to adult prisons in Wales while on remand, the

Children's Society says. It calls for an immediate end to remanding 15 and 16-yearolds in adult prisons, a practice to be phased out over the next four years under the new Criminal Justice Act.

BR head is accused of taking bribes

By JOHN YOUNG

THE former head of British Rail's civil engineering department received lavish bribes for nearly ten years from a firm supplying railway equipment. the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

David Currie, 66, of Penn. Buckinghamshire, was alleged to have received air tickets to the United States, Canada, Dublin and Vienna: tickets for his wife and himself to travel on the Orient Express; champagne worth more than £200; a Twickenham

rugby ticket; and hotel meals.
Other bribes included visits to night clubs on the Continent "where a lot of money was spent". There was also a trip to Africa, which included "booze cruise" on Lake

Victoria. The benefits "were on such a wide and vast scale they enabled him and his wife to live a very good life", the court heard. "He was enabled to live as a rich man."

Mr Currie is accused of taking bribes from Plasser Radway Machinery (GB) Ltd. two of whose senior executives, Norbert Jurasek, 51, of Wargrave, Berkshire, and Michael Brooks, 64, of Ringwood, Hampshire, are charged with plotting to bribe British Rail employees. All

three deny the charges.

Michael Worsley, QC. for the prosecution, said that Mr. Currie, who was head of the department from 1985 to 1988, had far more benefits offered to him than any other person in BR. Mr Jurasek. Plasser's managing director, and Mr Brooks, the company secretary, were "hand in glove in heaping these benefits on Currie and to a lesser extent on other members of the

department.

The company with the assistance of its continental counterpart in Austria and its officers, were setting out to corrupt British Rail civil engicorrupt British Rail civil engineering staff, sometimes Currie and sometimes other employees of the same organisation." Mr Worsley said.
"The defendants variously faced a total of 19 sample charges but if every bribe had

charges, but if every bribe had been made the object of a charge the indictment would be nearly a mile long." The trial continues today.

Thieves escape with art worth millions from peer's home

By Sarah Jane Checkland, saleroom correspondent

PAINTINGS and clocks worth millions of pounds have been stolen from Houghton Hall in Norfolk, one of the homes of the Marquess of Cholmondeley, Lord Great Chamberlain of England. Thieves broke in after driving boldly off the local road

across fields towards the hall at 3.30am yesterday. They took with them "The White Duck", by the French artist Jean-Baptiste Oudry, thought to be worth well into the millions. Standing by a Tree, by the German-born artist Johann Zoffany, and a family group by Hugh Baron. All three date from the eighteenth century, as do the three missing Louis XVI clocks, one decorated with enamel ormolu, and another in Sevres porcelain.

The great collections of Greek and Roman sculpture and furniture by William Kent were left untouched. Lord Cholmondeley went to Norfolk vesterday to help police after hearing of the theft.

This is the second time in six months that the 32-year-old aristocrat has been in the news. He was criticised last spring for consigning Holbein's "Lady with a Squirrel and a Starling" for sale at



state opening duties

Christie's, saying he needed the money to establish a maintenance fund for Houghton. So great was the outcry by the heritage lobby that he was eventually persuaded to reach a compromise, selling the masterpiece to the nation in a private treaty sale and it was withdrawn

from auction. After that deal, there were fears that he might resort to the art market again because. according to Charles Allsopp, chairman of Christie's, "the £10 million from the sale of the Holbein will not solve all the problems". Some of his most valuable

assets have now disappeared into the criminal underworld, from which they may not emerge for a long time. The world's most notorious

art thefis, of priceless Old Master paintings from the Alfred Beit collection in Ireland and from the Isabella Stewart Gardiner museum in Boston, took place some years ago, and all leads have come

At Houghton, the Norfork police said last night. "A vehicle entered the hall grounds by making its way across the fields from the Great Bircham to Hillington road." They hope that some-one noticed the vehicle and

will contact them.

Lord Cholmondeley inherited the Houghton estate in March 1990 after the death of his father. Built between 1722 and 1735 by Sir Robert Walpole, Britain's first prime min-ister, the hall is widely considered Britain's finest Palladian house. A friend of celebrities such as Mick Jagger and Jerry Hall, who stayed at Houghton en famille last July, Lord Cholmondeley is renowned for his duties as Chamberlain, walking backwards in front of the Queen at the state opening

Perjury case remand

By RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

A TELEVISION researcher charged with perjury yesterday accused the au-thorities of mounting a political trial to try to shift attention from allegations of RUC links with Loyalist death squads.

Ben Hamilton, 25. made the claim after being remanded on bail on a charge of perjury in relation to a sworn affidavit made in connection with High Court proceedings for contempt of court. Mr Hamilton, of Willes-

den, northwest London, was released on surety of

Mr Hamilton, who appeared at Horseferry Road magistrates' court, is to appear before a stipendiary magistrate on November 25. He was the main researcher on a pro-gramme in Channel 4's Dispatches series. Channel 4 and Box Productions were fined £75,000 at the High Court in July for contempt of a court order requiring them to disclose the informant who alleged the collusion.

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Sect finds mark of the Antichrist in EC

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

A CHRISTIAN sect has objected to Brussels that a widely used EC standards mark could represent the Antichrist. The Exclusive Brethren, an

extremist offshoot of the Plymouth Brethren, has said that the use of Euro-logos like the EC mark corresponds uncomfortably to predictions in the Book of Revelations in the New Testament. They say that such trademarks resemble the mark of the beast in Chapter 13 of Revelations, a mark that some Christian groups associate with the Antichrist.

Martin Bangemann, the EC internal market commissioner, in a recent issue of The Official Journal of the Euroohn Edwards to be Assistant



has indeed been brought to the Commission's attention that, for reasons of Christian conscience, some individuals object to the obligation to affix the CE mark because they compare it to the Beast in the Book of Revelations."

Herr Bangemann has tried to appease the group by saying that use of the CE logo on anything from toys to test tubes will be known in the David Martin. Euro-MP for Corne down the side of Con

tinguish it clearly from the notion of a mark", but has given no hint that religious sects might be given a derogation from using the mark. The news that the CE mark

is here to stay has dismayed members of the Exclusive Brethren. They say that the Beast, with its ten horns and seven heads, clearly represents Europe. "The beast," Revelations says, "forced all the people, small and great, rich and poor, slave and free, to have a mark placed on their right hands or on their foreheads. No one could buy or sell unless he had this mark. that is, the Beast's name or the number that stands for the

The sect member who told

yesterday: "Much of Revelations has its bearing towards Europe, there's no question about that. We would fear that the mark could have an unwitting connection with the Antichrist." He said that the Exclusive Brethren, some of whom refuse to use computers and to vote, object to use of trademarks only in the European context. He asked not to be named, referring to himself as a "sinner saved"

A London academic said that the EC was not the first institution to fall foul of religious groups.
The Proctor & Gamble com-

pany had faced opposition in America's Bible Belt amid claims that the Beast's number, 666, could be seen in the beard of the man in the moon, ministry at Cuddestell High They

Compulsory sale of shares threatens ITN's future

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK

THE future of Independent into grave doubt yesterday by Andrew Quinn, ITV's new chief executive, who said the news company's shares were virtually worthless.

Mr Quinn said ITN, which is guaranteed a monopoly to supply news until 2003, had been forced into a "Carch 22" by "misconceived legislation". Under the 1990 Broadcasting Act, FTV companies are required to sell off 51 per cent of their joint shareholding in ITN by 1994. That had jeopardised agreement on ITN's contract to supply ITV with News at Ten and other

ITV companies are reluctant to commit themselves to a sufficiently generous supply deal when the value of their ITN shares is in doubt. ITN. meanwhile, cannot find new backers until it has secured a contract attractive to new

"ITN's shares are not disposable. This will go on confusing the negotiations," Mr Quinn said. ITV companies



Ouinn: "Misconceived piece of legislation"

want to reduce by about £10 million ITN's present £60 million a year budget. ITN wants a five-year supply contract to provide it with some stability but ITV is reluctant to sign such a long-term deal. An agreement should have been

signed months ago.

Mr Quinn described the restructuring of ITN's ownership required by the Broadcasting Act 1990 as "a misconceived piece of legislation" and called on Peter

Brooke, the heritage secretary. to repeal it. "No major news service in the world makes money as a stand-alone, commercial organisation," Mr Quinn said. "The government must think again.'

ITN, which on Tuesday made 112 staff redundant under strict cost-cutting measures, already faces projected losses of £5.5 million a year for the next four years on unlet floors in its new London premises. A spokesman said: Negotiations over the new supply contract are still in progress. That's what it all

hinges on."
Mr Quinn's comments
came as ITV revealed plans to attract more advertising revenue by moving upmarket and winning a younger audience of ABC1s. ITV's schedule will be tailored more to advertisers'

Malcolm Wall, chairman of the ITV marketing committee. said: "If we get this wrong in the first quarter of next year we will lose millions. Our profile has been more downmarket than the population as a whole. The first stage for ITV is to win from the BBC the 16-34 ABC1s." ITV will build on

in non-satellite homes with strengthened comedy and sport, but original British drama would continue to be ITV's bedrock. Mr Quinn would not rule out broadcasting Coronation Street five nights a week. He said: "I would not want to damage these priceless shows, but it is something that is around. We agonised over whether it would stand three weekly episodes -- but it has."

He was speaking as more than 1,000 advertisers and agencies gathered at London's Grosvenor House Hotel last night for a conference on TV's strategy for the future in the face of increasing competition from satellite stations. Mr Quinn said ITV's £165

million investment in this autumn's schedule was equivalent to BSkyB's entire programme budget for a year across all of its six channels. BBC1 has spent just £90 million, compared with Channei 4's £56 million.

☐ Bectu, the broadcasting union, claimed last night that the BBC was to axe 129 jobs from its Pebble Mill studios in Birmingham and its London outside broadcasting unit.



Winning formula: Carolyn Plunkett, who is named today as maths teacher of the year, an award organised by The Times Educational Supplement: Mrs Plunkett, 44, teaches at Biggin Hill infants school, near Bromley. Kent. She said: "Children need to touch and handle mathematics. The classroom should be a laboratory."

Police chiefs join attack on new law

By STEWART TENDLER AND RICHARD FORD

defend key parts of the government's Criminal Justice Act offenders released into the after senior police officers yes-terday joined the Lord Chief Justice in criticising the new

sentencing policy.

After a series of attacks that threaten public confidence in the act, the home secretary has reversed a decision to leave its public launch to a junior minister.

Mr Clarke will robustly defend measures designed to cut the number of minor offenders sent to prison while imposing tougher penalties for violent and sexual crimes. His change of tactics follows public criticism by Lord Taylor of Gosforth, magistrates and senior police offi-cers, and private concern among senior probation officers that the home secretary does not wholeheartedly support legislation stressing noncustodial sentences rather

Thousands of offenders face delayed justice and courtroom muion because probation officers are boycotting key parts of the act, which comes into force today.

Yesterday, Britain's senior pelice offices jamed the Lord Chief justice and magistrates in expressing concern at the semestrus policy Brain John-son, president of the Associ-ation of Chief Police Officers (Acco), and his officials say that the act is still surrounded (Acco), and his omean say that the act is still surrounded by confusion. Mr Johnson, chief constable

nill ancashire, said chief constables had never been con-sulted officially about the legislation. In recent weeks. Acpo had written to the Home Office, expressing concern about the provision of secure accommodation for young offenders, supervision of offenders released on licence and the supply of information to courts on previous convictions.

Mr Johnson said yesterday that he shared some of the Lord Chief Justice's anxieties. The new act could reduce the deterrent effect on criminals because it set out a maximum term of imprisonment for some criminals. There were

KENNETH Clarke will today also fears that there would not be enough funds to supervise community on licence. Under the act, young offenders should go to secure local authority accommodation, of which there is a grave

shortage. The police are also concerned that they may have to provide courts with more desailed information about previous conviction than now.

The probation service will have to provide an estimated 19,000 extra pre-sentence reports for crown courts, according to Home Office research, which also predicted that the additional reports



Johnson: confusion

bring more adjournments and thus an increase in the prison population.

These delays were predicted before probation officers voted to begin their industrial action today in a protest over pay. The National Association of Probation Officers, representing 7,000 workers, wants a 7 per cent pay rise to compen-sate for additional work under the new act. The employers offered just over 4 per cent. Magistrates predict wide-spread inconsistencies and a public outcry over the new means-related fines that start

Wealthier offenders will pay fines of several hundred pounds for minor offences.

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Magicians get up to their tricks in secret

By Julia Liewellyn Smith

SECURITY was on full alert entire chest, axe and plastic at the Winter Gardens in Journalists could go no-where without an escort, photographers were banned probing questions received a firm "no comment". It would have been easier to infiltrate the old KGB than the 56th annual convention of the

Magicians. One of the brotherhood's rules is that the tricks of the trade must never be divulged to outsiders. Unfortunately, this does not always apply internationally. Julie Illusion had just been to Japan. "They love magic there but they can buy all the gadgets to do the tricks in the foyer afterwards. It spoils everything," she said. The only people under no illusion at the convention

were the salesmen. The reces-

sion meant bargains galore. A

international Brotherhood of

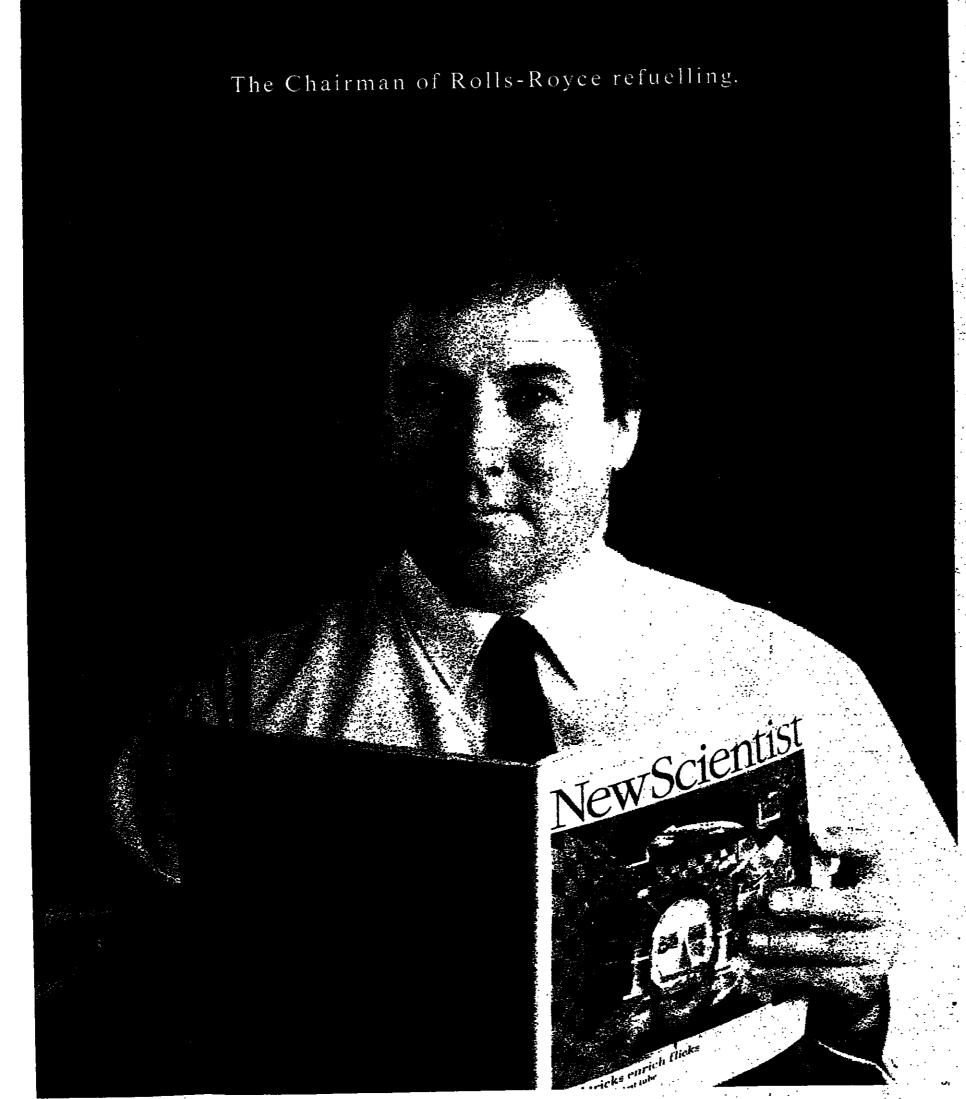
lady to be sliced in two was a mere £380, reduced from £450.

Happily the recession had boosted attendance figures. Fourteen hundred magicians from 24 countries, including Nigeria, Argentina and New Zealand had registered. "A recession makes more people turn to magic," said Bob Hayden, public relations officer of the brotherhood.

"And it gives them some the dole," said Jeffrey Atkins. the secretary.

The sales hall looked as if it

was packed with unemployed mtants, surveyors, dentists and decorators. And that, too, was no illusion. John Rhodes, a banker from Purley, Surrey, still employed, was taking his annual holiday at the convention, "Magic i



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Hospitals ration treatment to cope with new NHS

By ALISON ROBERTS

PATIENTS are being denied treatment for a range of conditions as health authorities face the fact that the NHS's founding principle of comprehensive cradle-to-grave care is no longer sustainable, a Times survey has found.

The first areas being cut — including in vitro fertilisation. cosmetic surgery, reversal of sterilisation and removal of tattoos - are lower priority. treatments on the fringes of NHS provision. In most places, these are now available only privately. Managers say that discussions are continuing on other areas to cut and which "core" services to save.

The rationing of health care is set to dominate debate in the .NHS over the next decade and beyond. In the past, it has been achieved through waiting lists but in the new marketstyle NHS, health authorities are taking explicit decisions about which treatments they will fund. Of 65 directors of public health contacted in England, more than a third of

ONE and a half tons of

human placentas a month are

used to keep four-year-old

Thomas Rothwell supplied

with the drug he needs to keep

him well. He suffers from

Gaucher's disease, a rare con-

dition which causes lethargy

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his spleen swell to 68 times

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product licence for use here.

probably next summer, doctors and health managers will

have to set its huge expense

against other, cheaper treat-

ments, that could help more

patients. They may have to

choose, for instance, between

several dozen extra hin

replacements and a normal

Tough decisions of that

kind are facing health services

in all developed countries.

Limited budgets will no longer

childhood for Thomas.

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the total, only ten said that their authorities now provided in vitro treatment. Only five carried out cosmetic surgery. implants, homoeopathy, surgery for painless varicose veins and some types of mental-health care are also

not available in certain areas. Age limits have been imposed for infertility treatment and are being considered for other services. More than three quarters of those contact-

Dr Paul Walker, director for Norwich authority, said: "Increasingly, there is a view that we should limit health care of the elderly, and I think there is RATIONED" a real problem there. It is an SURGERY agist policy, but I do see that putting new hip joints in a 90-Nottingham Health hority's list of low-priorit year-old is not a good Repair of uneven breasts Eyelid surgery Repair of inverted nipples

Reversal of vasector

Removal of impacted wisdom leath

Doctors forced into tough choices

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

buy all that medical science

can provide, or patients de-

mand. As our survey shows,

health authorities are already

cutting back on the services

they provide under the NHS.

health are paring the edges -

cutting back on infertility

treatment and cosmetic sur-

gery. Most say that this is only the beginning, but few have

ideas about how future deci-

Attempts to involve the pub-

lic have failed. In Hackney,

east London, only three people

turned up to a public meeting

to discuss the issue, despite

advertising and the delivery of

leaflets to 3,000 homes. In

Oregon in the United States,

where discussions on ration-

ing are furthest advanced,

debate has also been dominat-

587 items under the Medicaid

scheme, the safety-net pro-

gramme for the poor, selected

according to a mixture of

value-for-money calculations

and intuitive judgments.

Some rankings appear to be

Oregon has agreed to fund

ed by professionals.

sions should be made.

Initially, directors of public

investment." The Times survey found rationing in these areas:

□ Enfield: No infertility treatment for women over 40. Discussions continuing on ending provision of homoeopathy, cosmetic surgery and sex-change surgery. Plans for identifying clinical priorities.

based on moral judgments. A

liver transplant for cirrhosis

caused by alcohol is excluded,

for example, but a liver trans-

plant for cirrhosis with some

other cause is included, even

though the chances of success

Studies in Britain have also

shown a strong preference for

people who have cared for

their own health to get priority over those who have not. A

study in Bath found that

kidney dialysis easily took preference over helping

people to stop smoking, even

though 80 times as many

people could be helped for the

Doctors, traditionally op-

osed to counting the cost of

what they do because they see

their duty as providing the

best care for each patient, voted for the first time to

accept rationing as "an unfor-tunate fact of life" at the

British Medical Association's

annual conference in July, and

demanded that a better way be

found of doing it than by

waiting lists. So far, there is

little evidence of progress.

ed said that the situation was

likely to worsen and they expected to have to draw up

explicit lists of unaffordable

Dr Sylvia Gyde, director for

Birmingham North health au-

thority, said: "I think we will

eventually establish a bread-

and-butter health service that

everyone must have available

will be classed as a luxury."

them and certain things

☐ Grimsby: No infertility treatment for women over 38. ☐ Norwich: No in vitro fertilisation, reversal of sterilisation or tattoo removal. ☐ Riverside (London): No cosmetic surgery or dental

implants. ☐ East Surrey: Devising system to rank patients on waiting lists from 0 to 9 to denote priority.

Oldham: cosmetic surgery

only for psychological reasons. ☐ Nottingham: a list drawn up of low priority procedures. including tattoo removal and sterilisation reversal. ☐ Plymouth: No sex-change

surgery.

☐ Torbay: Some mental health treatment refused because of expense and uncertain results. Eight authorities had car-

ried out public consultation exercises in an attempt to determine public health-care priorities. More than a third had asked GPs for their views. In the North East Thames region, rationing recommendations made 18 months ago are beginning to take effect in some districts. The City and Hackney health authority un-dertook a public survey and also invited proposals for pri-ority spending from doctors and local authority officers. Dr Bobbie Jacobson, the director of public health, evaluated over 200 bids for a slice of the extra E500,000 available to the health authority next

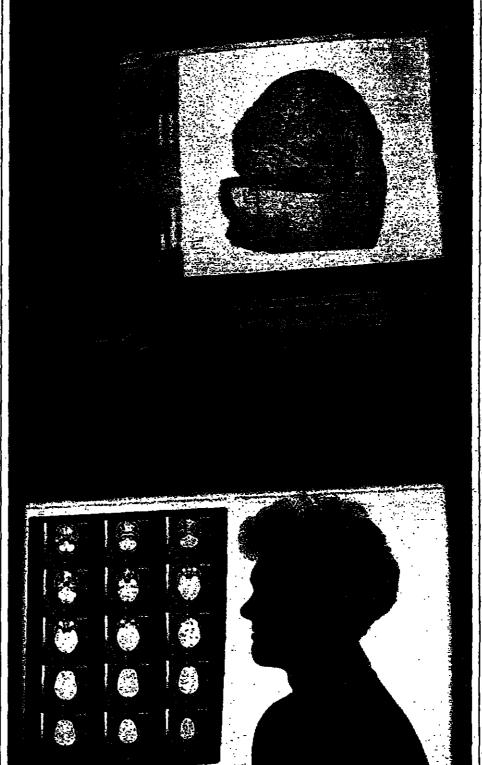
ment of local population needs and cost effectiveness. 'We are explicitly rationing in a range of ways," she said. We came up with a narrowed-down list of priorities with coronary heart disease and strokes at the top. We also devoted a substantial amount to disease prevention and health promotion, but not so much to the acute services."

year under new capitation

funding. She allocated each

with a rating based on assess-

Dr Joyce Leeson, of North Manchester health authority. facing a 15 per cent cut in revenue next year, said that health-care rationing had become an urgent issue. "I think, with an increasingly elderly community and more medical opportunities, and if money continues to be eroded, it will have to be put to the community that there is no way out except through rationing."



New image: pictures of Ms Pollard's brain, produced using old methods, and top, the 3D image of Mr Addinall's brain, created by the new technique

Computer hope for epileptics

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor The society launched an

DOCTORS may be able to cure thousands of epilepsy patients by using a new technique that produces three-dimensional images of

Using magnetic resonance imaging and the latest computer methods of manipulating the pictures, doctors from the National Society for Epilepsy can now pinpoint abnormalities that can cause the condition, making accurate surgery possible. They believe that up to 20.000 of the 350,0000 people in Britain who suffer from epilepsy could benefit from the new methods.

appeal for £3 million yesterday to build a magnetic resonance unit dedicated to epilepsy treatment at its beauguarters at Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire. Dr Simon Shorvon, medical director, said that the method could identify abnormalities in the brain two millimetres across, pinpointing the causes of the disease in "many, perhaps most" of the

sufferers. One of those already helped by the method is Patrick Addinall, a principal trumpet with the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra. He started to suffer

from epilepsy at the age of 30 and the brain scans showed the cause to be a small tumour meant that the surgeon could remove the tumour without said. Since the operation in November last year, his condition has greatly improved and he has been able to continue with his profession.

Joanne Pollard, a self-emloved printer from Leeds. had suffered epilepsy all her life and was having two to three fits a week before her operation. "Since the opera-

spiralling car crime is partly to blame for big increases in

premiums but says very few

推移推翻 Murdered pair to be flown home

The bodies of two British women mundered in the Australian bush have been released for burial and are expected to be flown home within the next few days. The remains of the two backpackers, Joanne Walters and Caro-line Clarke, both 22, were

fine Clarke, both 22, were found 12 days ago in a shallow grave 85 miles south-west of Sydney. Caroline's father, Ian Clarke, 58, of Slaley, North-umberland, said he was waiting until her body arrived in Britain before making funeral arrangements in case of lastminute delays. "We've been advised that we should not take any firm steps until Caroline is back in this country," said Mr Clarke, a northern di-

rector of the Bank of England. Caroline, a former Pizza Hut assistant manager, and Joanne, a nanny from Maesteg, Mid Glamorgan, disappeared in April after leaving Sydney to hitch-hike to Melbourne. Australian police are hunting a man seen camping with two women near where the bodies were found.

Royal survey

The Duchess of York is young people's least favourite member of the royal family, according to a reader survey in Early Times, a newspaper for eight to 16-year-olds.Fifty per cent 🍟 declared her least favourite. Seventy-eight per cent wanted Britain to keep the monarchy.

Bully enquiry

The army is investigating new claims that boy soldiers bullied recruits. An officer and three NCOs have been moved to new duties during enquiries into complaints by Steven Lawrence, 17, of the Royal Welch Fusiliers.

Boy hanged

William McGovern, 12, a resident of Bellshill children's home near Glasgow, whose care was last month criticised by inspectors, has been found hanged in a public lavatory.

Player cleared

Mark Dennis, 31, the former Queen's Park Rangers footballer, has been found not guilty at Kingston Crown Court of molesting a girl of 15 at Mitcham, Surrey.

Mugging death

A murder enquiry has begun after the death of a man of 83 who was robbed in New Cross. southeast London.

Chain stolen

The Mayor of Weymouth's 200-year-old gold chain, worth £25,000, has been stolen on a civic visit to France.

Insurers blamed for high car premiums

BY TIM JONES

CAR insurance companies are constantly pushing up motor-ing costs instead of taking simple steps to reduce them and must take much of the blame for soaring premiums. according to a report in the latest issue of Which?, the independent consumer guide. The report says motorists

should reject "outrageous" premiums and details the savings it made for four motorists by putting in some legwork". For one driver, aged 22, who lived in Watford, Hertfordshire, insurance quotes obtained by Which? for his Ford Escort XR3i ranged

from £1,096 (£100 accidental damage excess) from Wellington, to £3,682 (£350) from NIG Skandia. A couple from Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, who wanted their son of 21 included in the policy for their Rover 820SE were quoted E398 by Zenith and

£1,740 by NIG Skandia. The highest quote for a disabled driver with 25 years of claim-free driving, for his Peugeot 309GLX 1.6, was £44 I from White Rose and the lowest £160 from Direct Line. A London woman driver who had not claimed for 20 years was quoted £249 by Pegasus Which? acknowledges that

companies give motorists much incentive to protect themselves. Sue Leggate, editor of Which?, said: "Only one in six insurance companies offers a discount to drivers who fit their own security devices." The report says companies could help to curb premiums

by insisting that garages use parts made by independent manufacturers, which can be half the price of parts from the original manufacturer, "This would cut insurance premiums by as much as 15 per cent. Yet only one in seven companies takes active steps to promote the use of independently made narts.

The report tells motorists not to believe that a broker or agent will always find the best deal as some offer products 🦆 from only a few firms. Ms Leggate said: "It is a myth that brokers always come up with the cheapest prices." ☐ Which also criticised British

Rail and BT for allegedly failing to respond properly to complaints from customers. BR said the magazine's comments were negative and cynical and took no account of the passenger's charter. BT said the criticisms were out of date and unfair.

Police tighten grip with handcuff tests

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

A NEW American handcuff, which promises better control of violent prisoners and reduces the risk of injury, is being tested this week by police officers from 40 British forces. If they report favour-ably to their chief constables, Quik-Kuf could soon become standard equipment.

Designed by Dennis Elam. a former policeman and the head of a Kansas police training college, the equipment consists of a rigid plastic grip that is attached to the standard handcuffs used by forces round the world.

The grip allows pressure to be placed on the wrist nerve of a prisoner if he resists arrest or tries to struggle free when the second bracelet is being put on. The grip costs £3 in addition to the current £20 cost of standard handcuffs. The design was tested in does not believe that the

territorial support group and a sub-committee of the Associ-ation of Chief Police Officers recommended that all forces should examine it for possible use. Police trainers in selfdefence and public-order techniques are testing the Quik-Kuf this week on one-day courses held by Hertfordshire police, learning how to use the adapted handcuff.

Inspector Steve Kissane, in charge of public-order training in the county, said he thought Quik-Kuf would "bring about an increased confidence in officers in being successful in arresting violent individuals and reduce the risk of injury to the police and

the prisoners". He said the device was extremely efficient, allowing sudden pressure to be applied to wrist nerves to halt a struggling prisoner and would





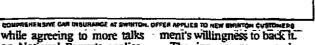
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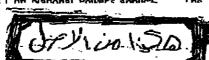
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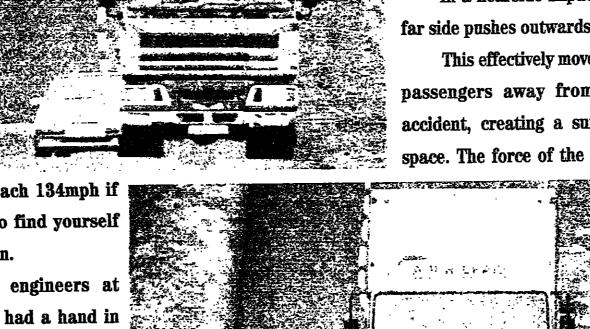
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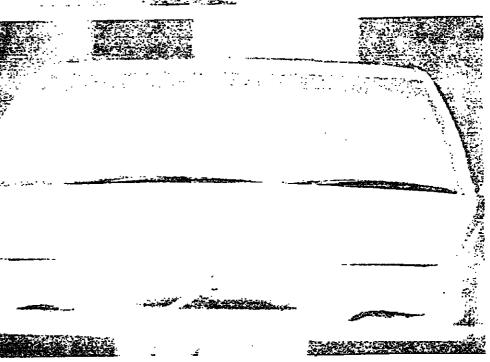
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Block vote cut marks start of struggle

Labour curbs union power

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND JILL SHERMAN

LABOUR yesterday took the first step towards reducing the influence of the trade unions in its affairs when it agreed the first substantial out in the union block vote for more than

The union voting strength at Labour conferences was reduced from 87 per cent to 70 per cent. However, John Smith was given a clear warning by some union figures that they will fight any attempt to prevent them playing a substantial role in the party's decision-making.

Bill Morris, general secretary of the transport workers' union, and Rodney Bickerstaffe, general secretary of the the National Union of Public Employees, said there could be no divorce nor separation between the two wings of the movement.

A party review group set up by John Smith is to come forward with proposals to modernise party-union links at next year's conference. Almost all the options under consideration would involve the effective ending of the block vote in its present form.

In return for giving up the block vote, the right of union leaders to cast hundreds of thousands of votes, senior union figures such as John Edmonds and Bill Jordan are pressing for systems which would still allow the unions to retain substantial voting strengths at the

ency parties 30 per cent. Mr Morris said: "A Labour party without its trade union links and strengthening of trade union involvement in the par-ty. Change was needed to self to change during the Labour leadership election, which began with claims of a would be a party without its roots, a party without a cause, union "stitch-up" to support a party without a soul. We stand for change. But that change must build on our Yesterday party leaders emphasised that there was no question of cutting the union

strengths, not demolish our link, but the national executive opposed a motion that could Larry Whitty, Labour's gen-eral secretary, declared him-self to be an unrepentant have been interpeted as preserving the new balance in voting, which gives the unions

70 per cent and the constitudefender of the continuation HOW VOTING ADDS UP AT THIS YEAR'S

LABOUR PARTY CONFI	RENCE	
	· Votes	% _
Transport & General Workers' Union	1,075	19.4
General Municipal Workers and Boilermakers	790	14.3
National Union of Public Employees	530	9.6
Amalgamated Engineering Union	474	8.6
Union of Shop, Distributive & Alfied Workers	332	6.0
Manufacturing Science Finance	304	5.5
Confederation of Health Service Employees	200	3.6
Union of Communication Workers	190	3.4
Rail, Maritime & Transport Union	120	2.2
Graphical, Paper & Media Union	117	2.1
Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians	114	2.1
National Communications Union	95	1.7
Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications		
& Plumbing Union	71	1.3
Iron & Steel Trades Confederation	54	1.0
National Union of Mineworkers	50	0.9
Fumiture & Attled Trades Union	50	0.9
Tailor & Garment Workers' Union	47	0.8
Transport Salaried Staffs' Association	31	0.6
Ceramic & Allled Union	29	0.5
Bakers' Union	26	0.5
National Communications Union (Clerical)	26	0.5
Furniture Timber Union	23	0.4
Others	74	1.3
Trade union total	4,822	87.2
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Party raises fees to pay off debt

Total 5,533 100.0

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

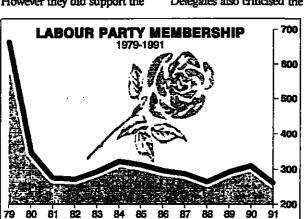
LABOUR party subscription fees are to go up to £18 as part of a series of measures to pay off the party's £2 million debt.

The decision, following a card vote, was opposed by several delegates who claimed that the higher rate would drive away potential support-ers and hit lower earners, particularly women. Several of the larger trade unions abstained, partly due to concern about dwindling membership and because they felt it was a constituency party decision. However they did support the

NECs decision to raise affiliation fees from £1.60 to £1.70. Membership, at 261,000, is

now at its lowest post-war level, falling overall by 50.000 last year. The party is now nearly £2 million in debt, partly due to a 30 per cent reduction in trade union affiliation fees since 1979 and to the high costs of fighting a general election campaign.

Delegates also criticised the



new computerised national membership system which only recruited 30,255 people in 1991 and has been beset with teething problems over transferring information from

a local to national level. William Pearch (Halesowen and Stourbridge) claimed that the national system was flawed because it ignored the "local factor". He called for responsibility for dealing with subscriptions and membership to be transferred to a local

Diana Jeuda of the NEC admitted to problems but defended the nationalised sys-tem. "None of us can feel happy about a Labour party 400 members per constituen-Labour voters." She rejected calls for cuts in membership fees and said fees had to go up because of the crisis.

The NECs two most recent recruits, Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, are now spearheading a drive for mass membership involving devolving recruitment organisation and lowering fees.

modernise the link, he said, but what the party was not

trade unions. However, Gavin Laird, general secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, said: "By the time of the next election the block vote in its present form will have disappeared."

contemplating was a separa-

tion between itself and the

The Labour leadership has done its best to avoid confrontation with the unions at this year's conference by throwing the question of union links into a six-month review.

However, the party's present financial difficulties have been brought about largely by dwindling trade union affiliation fees, which dropped by a third between 1979 and 1990. The fees, which represent about 60 per cent of the party's income, still bring in £4.3 million. The party needs the unions' money and cannot afford to sever links altogether. Trade unionists are jostling

for position in an attempt to influence the outcome of the review, which will be put to next year's conference. Behind the scenes, negotiations are concentrating on how links can be maintained even if the block vote is eventually scrapped. Options include effectively scrapping the block vote by allowing delegates to vote individually, or introducing associate or two-tier membership. The main objective seem to be to remove images of one hand holding up a card representing a thousand votes. Neil Kinnock was determined to move swiftly on weakening trade union powers and wanted to put the one member, one vote system for parliamentary candidates to

this year's conference. John Smith, worried that this would not be accepted by conference this week, opted to throw the issue into the review melting pot.

Blunkett hints at shift on health

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND PETER VICTOR

LABOUR yesterday mirned its back on key elements of its general election campaign on the health service, prompting suggestions that the party is preparing for a significant policy shift.

David Blunkett, making his first conference speech as shadow health secretary, avoided reference to two central issues in Labour's campaign, the abolition of trust hospitals and a commitment to reducing alleged health service underfunding. The omissions were interpreted as a firm hint that the party will no longer pursue some of the topics on which it based its fight to win the general

Mr Blunkett told The Times last week that he would look at ways of adapting the trust hospital system, rather than embarking on "grandi-ose abolition". Yesterday he concentrated on the need to make trust hospitals more accountable and to reduce the level of spending on

managers. He said of the government's NHS reforms: Where there should be care, we have competition. Where there should be service we have the salesman's pitch, the internal market, the GP fundholder — a two-tier health service. Tens of thousands of people forced into the private sector by Tory

Mr Blunkett released figures from a Labour survey which showed that waiting lists had increased by 130 people a day since the general election and had risen by almost 100,000 since the government began its healthservice review in 1988. "We created the NHS. We are fighting to protect it. We will recreate it in a new world."



Taking the lead: John Prescott looks after Offa, the guide dog, for David Blunkett, the shadow health secretary, who is blind. Diary, page 14

Protagonists in PR debate battle for Smith's ear

A titanic struggle is about the engulf the Labour high command over proportional representation. The issue, which has been lying dormant since the April gento resurface. It will be determined by a battle for John Smith's support among the most senior members of his

shadow cabinet. At the Labour conference today delegates will debate two conflicting motions, one rejecting the first-past-thepost system, the other claiming that a strictly proportional system could have resulted in Labour winning 50 fewer

With both sides scenting victory in the electoral reform review, John Smith's view is critical, Philip Webster writes

seats at the election. The leadership will again ask the conference to refrain from making a decision, batting it off to the Plant committee that has been engaged in a lengthy study of electoral systems for various bodies, although it has yet to turn its attention to the Commons.

The time for decision, how ever, is near and Mr Smith is likely to determine his own

attitude before Christmas. It will be critical to the outcome, because both sides appear to believe they are heading for

he six most powerful fig-I ures in the Labour party are Mr Smith Margaret Beckett, his deputy, Gordon Brown, Tony Blair, Robin Cook and Jack Cunningham. Labour insiders say the indi-

the Plant committee is heading towards a recommendation to adopt a form of PR for Westminster elections.

Having just recommended in its second interim report that the additional member system be adopted for Labour's promised Scottish parliament, it appears in-creasingly likely that it will do the same for the Commons. The Plant committee will

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would come down 4-2 against: rance of Mr Smith's view. PR, with Mr Cook and Mr. Those on the committee who Cumningham on the losing are less committed than the However, those same insid- , side will not want to land Mr

Mr Smith, historically, has been cool on PR although during the leadership election he was careful to leave open the door. Mrs Beckett, a member of the Plant committee. is an avowed opponent. and Mr Brown is sceptical. Mr Blair has been counted among the opponents but there are indications that his view could shift.



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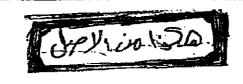
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Beleaguered

Mitterrand

keeps critics

guessing

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

succession. As Le Canard

Enchaine, the satirical weekly

sent la fin de regne!" [It feels

like the end of the reign]. The

autumnal uncertainty is also

stirring old fears about the

stability of a country that has lived through four different

forms of government since the

The vision of crisis was

invoked by Jacques Chirac, the leader of the neo-Gaullist RPR

party, when he said last week that he would refuse to enter

another "cohabitation" gov-

ernment under M Mitterrand

if his party comes out top in the general elections. Less

than a quarter of voters still

Chirac was rebuked by Valéry

Giscard d'Estaing, his eternal

rival and leader of the centrist

UDF grouping and yesterday

the Gaullist chief said he had

no intention of supporting the

idea of a government strike or

Such talk springs from the

hybrid constitution of the Fifth

Republic, tailored for Charles

de Gaulle in the 1958. This

gives the president near absolute power but no machinery

for resolving conflict with an opposing parliamentary ma-jority other than calling fresh

The prospect of snap elec-

tions has given the opposition cold feet. Badly split among themselves over the referen-

dum, some opposition leaders

sense that the Machiavellian

M Mitterrand may have laid

them yet another trap. If they

took power now, some say,

they would inherit the blame

for the country's malaise.
Yesterday, Gerard Longuet,
the leader of the Republican

Party, a member of the UDF

grouping, called on the opposition to stand up and fight

immediately because it had nothing to lose. "We have to

be pitiless with the govern-ment," he said. With the

budget, M Bérégovoy had effectively handed the opposi-tion a grenade with the pin pulled out, he said. M Mitterrand holds the biggest trump card as often reflected about the handicap of old age and many

suspect that he is planning to hand in the keys to the Elysée, but when it is least expected.

Maastricht repair kit, page 14

treaty already partially prepared, and to make friends

with Germany and France.

With more than half of British exports going to Western Europe, Britain could not opt out of the EC

and could neither stop a

monetary union nor easily

live outside it. Mrs Thatch-

er's contempt for all things

federal had killed off the

tactical alliances Britain needed to succeed. Mr Ma-

should pursue the national interest under cover of easy-going Europeanism.

The trick appeared to work with Helmut Kohl.

The German chancellor's

relations with Mrs That-

cher had been a disaster.

During her interventions

he would rumble and chat to his neighbours. When

Mr Major speaks, Herr Kohl listens and nods. Herr

under which Britain opted

out of the social chapter at

ondon and Paris lorged

Linterests in common but generated little public

warmth. Plans to invite Ro-

land Dumas. France's for-

eign minister, to Glynde-

bourne last year evaporated

after a row over joint EC

foreign policy. French poli-

cy-makers cannot under-

stand why British pol-

iticians do not share their

wish to use the Community

to tie down Germany.

"We've tried very hard with

the French," one British

official said, "but they just don't want to play."

For the Continent's polit-

ical classes, the rules of the

ERM are not just about

currency parities: they are

Europe's defence against

Maastricht

brokered the deal

Whitehall believed.

Major in Paris, page

Leading article, page 15

a "coup d'état".

upport the Socialists. M

proclaimed yesterday:

AS A man facing a little adversity of his own, John

Major might have commiser-

ated during his Paris trip

vesterday with the distinctly

bleak predicament of his host

in the Elysee Palace. So heavy

are the troubles weighing on President Mitterrand that sav-

ing the treaty of Maastricht might seem like light relief.

started on a windswept Breton

island convalescing from his prostate operation while the opposition in Paris pro-claimed him a politically dead

duck and announced a parlia-

mentary vote within two weeks

that could sink the Socialist

government led by Pierre

Back in Paris yesterday, frail and showing his 75 years.

"Dieu", as the president is nicknamed, presided over the release of an austerny budget

with little in it to charm voters

who, by all accounts, are

determined to annihilate his

Socialists in the next parlia-

mentary elections, due in

Angry lorry drivers took to

the roads again, blocking traf-fic on several motorways yes-

terday and promising more action if their demands are not

met. Nurses and defence industry workers have promised to stop work next, followed by

further insurrection by farm-

The pundits have written

epitaphs to the Mitterrand era

before and the president, who

served as a minister when Mr

Major was in nursery school.

has led a phoenix-like career.

He still has 32 months to serve

in his second seven-year term and he has said nothing about

retiring. However, the uncer-

tainty created by his prostate

cancer has combined with the

profound malaise to open the

Longuet: telling the

opposition to fight

E ighteen months ago,

Foreign Office sat down to rethink Britain's strategy

and tactics in Europe. The diplomats asked them-

selves how the newly installed prime minister might win friends and in-

fluence people on the other side of the Channel.

for John Major's "heart of Europe" policy which came so spectacularly unstuck

last month. As during the Thatcher years, Britain is the target of a whispering

campaign designed to make clear that the prime

minister is being shoul-

dered aside by France and

Germany. We will help the

beleaguered Brits, patron-

ising French officials made

clear before yesterday's meeting between Mr Ma-jor and President Mitter-

rand, but only providing he

is not secretly hoping to

Mr Major's requests for rethinks of Europe's future.

or merely for reform of the

exchange rate mechanism

have found no echo: 11

other governments ask how

Britain can find Europe's

heart from outside the

ERM. Even the Danish

government, grateful for

Britain's support when

their voters rejected the treaty in June, gives Britain

a wide berth. Officials in

Copenhagen wonder out

loud why Mr Major is

being so dilatory in bring-ing the Maastricht bill back

to the House of Commons.

ations opened early last

year, the Foreign Office

advised Mr Major to be

As the Maastricht negoti-

the

derail

Maastricht

The answer set the tone

Euro-Major image

takes a beating

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

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March at the latest.

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Bérègovoy

Scan his week's agenda. It

Relief after hour-long talks

Hurd tries to mend rift with Germany

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN

ANGLO-German relations have been going through "a rough patch" recently. Douglas Hurd admitted in Bonn vesterday after an hour spent trying to mend fences over Europe with Klaus Kinkel, his opposite number.

The foreign secretary looked relieved after the meeting. which went off relatively well considering the insults that have been exchanged between London and Bonn since the turmoil in the currency mar-lets. Things had indeed been rough, Mr Hurd said, "but they have been much less rough than in the first year I was in this office". That was the period immediately after he was given the job by Margaret Thatcher when she was trying to slow the pace of German unification.

The meeting was arranged at short notice to clear the air serween the two countries. Mr Hurd, using diplomatic language to describe how full and frank the discussion had been, said he had found Herr Kinkel "direct and constructive". Herr Kinkel said it was time to stop "the peace and calm being destroyed by hysterical chaner, which creates its own

Herr Kinkel said firmly that there was no question at all of a two-speed Europe. "Any talk of a special Franco-German way is false and absolutely inapplicable. he said. Mr Hurd agreed. "I have never had any evidence Bonn was pressing for a two-speed Europe," he said. "All our discussions have established the policy of Europe to proceed as Twelve."

Both ministers said their governments were determined to see the Maastricht treaty ratified without any renegotiation. Herr Kinkel, however. showed for the first time that Germany was aware that there might now be no chance of that being done by the end of this year as planned. He wanted to see the agreed timetable followed, he said, "if possible". He appreciated, he added, the difficult status of the treaty in Britain after the currency crisis and the narrow French referendum vote.

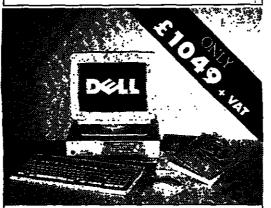


Swedish switch: Carl Bildt, the prime minister, and Ann Wibble, his chancellor, address reporters after cutting public spending and dropping interest rates from 40 to 24 per cent in the second austerity package in ten days



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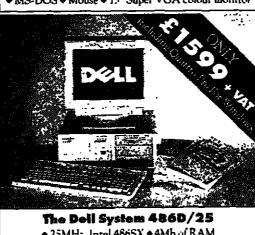
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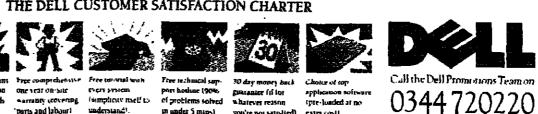
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Balkan rivals agree to end hostilities in peninsula

FROM REUTER IN GENEVA

LEADERS of Croatia and the rump state of Yugoslavia agreed to end military confrontation on a strategic Adriatic peninsula yesterday at the Geneva peace conference.

A spokesman for the monthold talks said the accord "appears to have been nailed down" at a meeting between Franjo Tudjman and Dobrica Cosic, presidents of the two Balkan states. Diplomats said the agreement, whose details were not immediately released, was a symbolic breakthrough which could provide a pattern for other moves aimed at bringing peace to the

The accord is understood to provide for the withdrawal of forces of the Yugoslav army, the JNA from the Prevlaka peninsula which lies in Croatia and from which the Croatian port of Dubrovnik can be hit. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said the agreement would mark a move towards overall peace achieved through a "step-by-

NEWS IN BRIEF

Moscow sees new conflict over Islam

Moscow: The former com-mander of the Soviet military said vesterday that North-South conflict, inflamed by a resurgence of Islam in Central Asia, could replace superpow-

er rivalry. Marshal Yevgeni Shap-oshnikov told the military newspaper, Krasnava Zvezda, that strengthening the security of the Commonwealth of Independent States was the best counterbalance to the tensions released by the collapse of the Soviet Union. (Reuter)

Deng praised

Peking: China's media paid tribute to Deng Xiaoping, the country's elder statesman, as part of a propaganda cam-Mr Deng's reforms when the Communist party congress meets this month.

Suharto backed

Jakarta: President Suharto of Indonesia has received the blessing of Try Sutrisno, the armed forces chief, virtually assuring his re-election as president an office he has held since 1965. (Reuter)

Ready for poll

Kuwait City: Nominations closed for Monday's election. the first since the Gulf crisis forced the al-Sabah family to return Kuwait to a semblance of democracy. The parliament was dissolved in 1986.

Airport seized

Moscow: Russian troops seized control of the airport in Dushanbe, the capital of Tailkistan, and shooting was reported around the city, army reports said. (Reuter)

Offer to quit

Kiev: Vitold Fokin, Ukraine's prime minister, a former communist widely blamed for delays in market reforms, offered to resign. (Reuter)

step" process pursued by the

international mediators Cyrus

Mr Vance and Lord Owen.

co-chairmen for the United

Nations and the European

Community of the month-old

conference on former Yugosla-

via. brought Mr Tudjman

and Mr Cosic to Geneva for

the meeting after separate

talks with them over the past

two weeks. They emerged

smiling with the two presi-dents after two hours of discus-

sion, largely devoted to the

issue of Prevlaka, from where the JNA anacked Dubrovnik

last year and earlier this year.

mediators aim for the creation

of several demilitarised areas,

starting with the Bosnian capi-tal, Sarajevo, through local "cessation of hostilines" ac-

conds. a term they prefer to

'ceasefire". Bosnia's Muslim-

led government appears to be

moving towards accepting this

course but the Serbs, who

control most of the republic.

say they want a ceasefire

before any substantive negoti-

ations can begin. Radovan Karadzic, leader

of the Bosnian Serbs, who have kept Sarajevo under siege since April, himself met Mr Vance late on Tuesday

and again on yesterday, ap-

parently to discuss exactly what demilitarisation would

mean. Alija Izetbegovic, the

Bosnian president, who had talks with the mediators on

Tuesday, said later he accept-

ed that under such a plan his

government's forces would

also pull back in the capital

and be replaced by UN troops.

Panic returns: Milan Panic,

the Yugoslav prime minister

returned to Belgrade yesterday

after what he described as a

successful trip to plead Yugo-

slavia's case at the United

Nations and in Washington. He said Yugoslavia had not been expelled from the UN

but only stripped of its seat in the general assembly. Foreign

ministers of all five permanent

security council members

backed his peace initiatives

and the door was left open for

rump Yugoslavia to re-enter

the world community.

Diplomatic sources say the

Vance and Lord Owen.

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EXACTLY a decade ago The Times told readers that a "colourless man from the sticks" had just become chancellor of Germany. Ten years and many rude comments later. Helmut Kohl is still very much in office, the most successful modern chancellor since Adenauer and vet the most disliked.

FROM IAN MURRAY

Two years ago he was almost adored as "the chancellor of unity". But a Wickert poll taken on the eve of his tenth anniversary shows that 64.7 per cent now want somebody else to run the country. With signs of recession looming, neo-Nazi thugs alarming domestic as well as world opinion and his dream of European union in danger of being shattered by British Euro-sceptics, "Kohl is in a hole" as one headline

The past ten years have shown, however, that he is never more dangerous and resourceful than when in trouble. Written off by far more sophisticated politi-cians as a bumbling bumpkin before he came to power, ever since he has outmanoeuvred the opposition and ruthlessly destroyed any challenge to his authority from within his Christian Democrat Union.

Such a record makes Herr Kohl sound a thoroughly unpleasant man. That judg-ment would be grossly unfair. however, on someone who is motivated by a God-fearing



Europe exposes chink in steely Kohl's armour

- Kölner Stadtanzeiger "Are you on the guest list?"

love of country and who has served the cause of democracy so well. He is a loval friend, a fond father, a committed Roman Catholic and a patriot, who believes that his country must bind itself into Europe to ensure that nationalism stands no chance. Close friends - few of

church in Ludwigshafen for the past 30 years. Although he voted for Berlin to become united Germany's capital, he prefers to live in the Palatinate, enjoying its stolid cuithem politicians - speak of

him as a warm, homely A big, ungainly man, he is famous for his huge appetite person. His inner circle inand mutinely ridiculed when cludes the priest who has been in charge of his local he goes on his annual slimming holiday. His oratory is heavy and mumbled in his thick Rhineland accent. He has been guilty of appalling diplomatic 22ffes. He made few political friends as he rose to the top of his party.

He has always preferred to rely on his close kitchen cabinet, many of whom he brought with him from the Palatinate to Bonn, rather than on politicians who

might prove rivals. He does not suffer fools gladly and once publically upbraided a senior official for failing to fetch the right

statistics quickly enough Because he will countenance no rival at the top, he has destroyed the career of anyone he believes to be a

potential challenger. The latest victim is Wolfeang Schäuble, the crippled Christian Democrat floor leader and once his preferred successor. Herr Schäuble fell from grace last month for talking about a grand coalition with the opposition. Last week, the chancellor shocked a Christian Democrat meeting when he walked into the room, callously saying "Don't bother to get up. Wolfgang" as his former favourite sat red-faced with embarrassment in his wheelchair.

The chancellor's ruthless way of retaining control has left a vacuum at the top of his party, however. Not only has he to take the sole blame when things go wrong, but he also has few competent possible successors. After what befell Herr Schäuble, nobody inside the CDU is likely to challenge him before the next election in two years' time when he will be trying for a record fourth victory.

The chancellor's preoccupation with Europe at a time when his fellow countrymen think he ought to be concentrating more on domestic issues underlies his falling popularity. Like other European leaders before him. ncluding Baroness Thatcher. his seemingly impregnable position after ten years in power is being undermined by the European issue.

THE lira plunged on foreign

minister, vigorously denied the rumours as his cabinet prepared to meet last night to approve a revised budget for 1993 to try to curb the runaway public spending deficit and meet the Maastricht convergence targets. But the denial was insufficient to prevent a further slide of the Italian currency to 878 lire to the mark on the Milan foreign exchange compared with 844.75 the previous day. Lon

as small savers, recalling a one-off tax on current accounts introduced during an emergency budget earlier this year. decided to hide their money under their mattresses or take out bank drafts.

There were chaotic scenes in parliament as members of the senate and the chamber of deputies scrambled to take their hard-earned savings out of the special bank branch they use in the parliament building. Signor Amato said "savings will not be touched. The race by Italians to take their money out of the banks is unjustified."

However, nervousness about further austerity measures was heightened by the disclosure that the four-party government coalition has had to revise its estimate of the 1993 budget deficit from 140 trillion lire (£66 billion) to 150 trillion lire (£71 billion) to take into account the impact of higher interest rates. Government economists also have revised their estimate of the inflation rate for next year, now expected to run at 4.5 per cent per annum compared with the previous target of 3.5 per cent. That revision was to take into account the 7 per cent devaluation of the lira on September 13.

Trade union opposition to the austerity package intens-ified with the leftist CGIL federation announcing that it would invite the other two trade federations - CSIL and UIL - to join a general strike. Doctors in state-run health clinics said they would strike on October 16 to protest against deep cuts in health spending envisaged under the budget plan.

There have also been rumblings from the Christian Democrats, the major coalition party, condemning what many of their MPs see as a "liquidation of the welfare

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government had given me a

The voucher offer applies to

third of state enterprises.

new pair of shoes," he said.

Tax rumours start run on Italy banks

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

exchange markets yesterday as savers rushed to withdraw their money from banks amid speculation that the Italian government was planning to tax deposit accounts.

Giuliano Amato, the prime Marrack Goulding, page 14 | queues formed outside banks

Cash at hand: a woman in Vilnius showing her new Lithuanian banknotes as the country abandons the rouble in favour of its own currency, the lita. The Russian army is proving harder to get rid of, however. Yesterday, soldiers in Kaunas barricaded themselves in their base against Lithuanian troops who were sent to eject them.

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Like many other elderly people, Boris Vasilyev, an 84year-old war veteran, said he

Russians sceptical at huge state sell-off would give his voucher to his RUSSIA launches the most ambitious privatisation children. "I am too old to understand the whole busi-Curiosity mixed with mistrust has greeted

scheme ever today, with people curious about the process of participatory capitalism, if unconvinced that it will add much to their prosperity.

The first 1.7 million vouchers will be distributed today at savings banks. Evening television programmes have been explaining how the vouchers can be used to buy into factories placed in an investment fund, or sold at allotted exchange points.

The nominal value of each voucher is 10,000 roubles (£22) but the government is hoping that people will be cautious enough with their new-found share in the country's assets not to sell straight away and cause the face value to drop. "Divest yourself of this free gift of property ownership and you will repent at leisure. Pavel Zhikharev who heads the Russian savings bank in charge of the self-off, told Pravda readers yesterday.

In some areas of Moscow yesterday, people were already

moves to privatise state enterprises through the distribution of vouchers, Anne McElvoy writes from Moscow

offering to buy the new vouchers at three times their face value. But many workers re-main sceptical about the scheme in a country where it is an unspoken axiom that if the state is giving it away, it can't be worth having.

"It's just another ploy by the government." said one housewife to vigorous nods of approval from fellow shoppers. Most of the women had no idea what they would do about the vouchers other than asking their husbands for advice. Natasha Grushin said she would invest in the department store where she worked. adding: "Maybe if we all do that our jobs will be safe."

Older people are even more confused about what is happening, and make easy targets for criminals who are already

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said to have approached the elderly offering low prices and threatening them if they refuse to sell. The scheme may well. as the government hopes. produce an aspiring middle class prepared to back modest reforms, and increase public awareness of the mechanisms of capitalism, but it opens another opportunity to the

new Russia's unscrupulous. Critics fear that the sell-off will enable sharks to grab lucrative businesses leaving ordinary people stuck with the worst of obsolete Soviet industry. In a recent survey, half the Muscovites asked thought that privatisation was simply another way for the government to deceive the people.

Thanks to bureaucratic shortcomings there is no final list of companies for sale. President Yeltsin's team is under pressure from critics such as Aleksandr Rutskoi, the vice president, and Arkadi Volsky, the head of the Industrialists' Union who has suggested that

the government could be challenged as early as next week. Mr Rutskoi has softened his attacks on Yegor Gaidar, the acting prime minister and a supporter of privatisation, apparently in return for an agreement that the cabinet will soon be reshuffled. Mr Yeltsin will face the wrath of the largely conservative parliament next Tuesday when he defends his government's economic record.

Azerbaijan business, page 23

Bush call for Sunday debates throws Clinton on defensive

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush appeared to have knocked Bill Clinton off balance for the first time yesterday, by challenging the Democratic presidential can-didate to debates on each of the four Sunday evenings immediately before the election.

As Mr Clinton struggled to explain his reluctance to accept. Mr Bush said on breakfast television: "Let's get going — less rhetoric, less posturing - and do what the American people want. It's a crime we're not having debates." Mr Bush also extended the challenge to Ross Perot, who is likely to announce today whether he is re-entering the race, and the Texas billionaire said he

Mr Bush had hitherto been the one refusing to debate, apparently reluctant to confer equal status on his opponent. However, weeks of aggressive campaigning have tailed to



erode Mr Clinton's doubledigit lead, and the president's volte face on Tuesday night was widely seen as an attempt to shake up the election before

it was too late. For the same reason the Bush camp has begun speaking less fearfully of a renewed Perot candidature, while Mr Clinton said yesterday that Mr Perot "could give the election to Bush if those who want change are equally divided".

Mr Bush's challenge was also viewed as an admission that he had been hurt by his repeatedly of cowardice.

If the four debates take place they will utterly domi-nate the remainder of the election. They would keep the race open until the final hours. The last debate would take place two days before polling day when a single gaffe or stunning one-liner could still turn the whole election.

Given his comfortable lead, Mr Clinton's reluctance to accept such a challenge is understandable, but he had to resort yesterday to technical arguments for refusing that are unlikely to cut much ice with the public. He insisted that he was ready to debate, but only - in accordance with the plans of the bipartsan Commission on Presidential Debates - for two encounters: one this Sunday and the other on October 15, both chaired by single moderators. Mr Bush had proposed that two debates should have a panel of

questioners.

Mr Clinton also pointed out that the dates proposed by Mr Bush coincided with the World Series baseball games. He offered to negotiate but only through the commission. Fred Malek, Mr Bush's

AS BILL Clinton and Al Gore

sharpened their assault yester-day on George Bush's foreign

policy record, Republican con-gressmen angrily accused the Democrats of trying to rewrite history and dismissed claims

that the president's strategy of

befriending Saddam Hussein before the invasion of Kuwait

by the Democrat pair that the

president's approach to for-eign affairs involved cuddling

up to tyrants, the Republicans

claimed that the Democrats

were only trying to conceal

their oppostion to the Gulf war

and to deflect public attention

away from Governor Clinton's

inexperience in the diplomatic

The Democrat savaging of the president's handling of Iraq prior to the invasion of the Gulf emirate, which started with a frontal assault

by Senator Gore on Tuesday.

led directly to the Gulf war. Responding to accusations

national campaign manager, accused the Democrats of "silly bickering" and said he was amazed at Mr Clinton's waffling". Mr Perot said his volunteers

would finish their canvassing by today and tell him what they wanted him to do. But several American newspapers suggested yesterday that Mr Perot's volunteer grass-roots movement was anything but that. Articles pointed out that Mr Perot had spent \$7 million (£4 million) since his withdrawal in July to sustain that movement, and that several of his "volunteer" state co-ordi-nators were paid by Perot headquarters. Only supporters who had remained loyal to Mr Perot had been canvassed this

week, meaning that the result

of the exercise was almost a

foregone conclusion.

Democrats portray president as fri remained unanswered by Mr Bush, who clearly intends to avoid being drawn into a position where he has torespond to questions about why the White House helped finance Saddam's rearming after the war with Iran and ignored warnings from the CIA and other American agencies of Baghdad's bell

Hand drill: Bill Clinton reaches out to the crowd in Louisville. Kentucky, where he addre

White House under attack for foreign pol

cose intentions in the region. In a clear effort to tarnish what the White House considers to be President Bush's strongest political card in the election. Senator Gore sus-tained his attacks on the Bishi administration's foreign record and continued to ac-cuse the president of poor judgment, moral blindness and bungling policies in the Middle East which led to a war that "should never have taken place." Speaking late on Tuesday might on television. the Tennessee senator said Mr Bush must accept full respon-

Democrats are trying to tarnish Bush's strongest political card Jamie Detimer writes ***

being allowed to build up his arsenal after the Jian Iraq war. He said that despite reports

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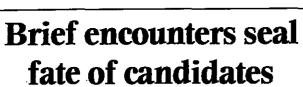
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By MARTIN FLETCHER

THERE have been 12 telepresidential debates since John Kennedy first clashed with Richard Nixon on September 26, 1960. Their impact on the subsequent elections has been so great that this year's sparring between President Bush and Governor Clinton over the timing and format of their confrontations is entirely understandable.

The debates have become the pivotal events of the modern campaign. They provide tens of millions of Americans with their only first-hand impression of the candidates.

As a participant in the first debate, Mr Nixon, leading in the polls, suffered the misfortune of underestimating its importance. "Tricky Dicky" turned up in a crumpled suit, looked shifty and wore too little make-up. Kennedy aides were said to have had the heating turned up so that Mr Nixon sweated profusely. Mr Kennedy looked tanned, cool and elegant and won after three more debates.

There were no debates during the elections of 1964, 1968 and 1972, but President Ford agreed to three meetings with Jimmy Carter in 1976 because he was trailing badly. The sole 1980 debate between President Carter and Ronald Reagan enabled Mr Reagan to demonstrate that he was not the right-wing extremist his opponent was suggesting.



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Judge blames Ciskei forces and ANC for Bisho deaths

From Michael Hamlyn in pretoria

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gest possible condemnation for the behaviour of the Ciskei A CALL for the Ciskei authorities to prosecute those responforces. "The manner in which the Ciskei forces fired at the sible for the Bisho massacre was made public yesterday by Mr Justice Goldstone in a demonstrators can only be report on the killings submitcondemned in the strongest terms," it says. "Anyone who has watched the videos of the ted to President de Klerk. shooting will have experi-enced a feeling of disbelief that the shooting could have con-tinued for what appeared to be

The report by Judge Gold-stone's commission of enquiry "regarding the prevention of public violence and intimidation" is a trenchant and scathing indictment of the Ciskei armed forces for the "disproportionate and deliberate" use of guns and grenades against demonstrators protesting at the lack of political freedom in the so-called independent

black homeland. The report also criticises the African National Congress for allowing Ronnie Kasrils, the communist intelligence chief of the ANC armed wing. Umkhonto we Sizwe, to lead demonstrators through a gap in the fence outside Bisho stadium towards the Ciskei troops. Judge Goldstone and his three fellow commissioners call on the ANC and its allies publicly to censure Mr Kasrils and others responsible for the decision "knowingly or negli-gently to expose them to the danger of death and injury". The report reserves its stron-

> Renamo holds out on peace

> > FROM JAN RAATH IN MAPUTO

AFONSO Dhlakama, leader of Mozambique's Renamo movement, promised yesterday that he would be in Rome for today's signing of the ceasefire agreement to end 16 years of civil war, although whether he will sign remains

Manfredi di Camerana, the Mr Dhlakama and told he would be leaving his base at Maringue in central Mozam-bique and flying to Rome. But he would not be going to sign a ceasefire. He wanted "more dialogue and negotiations".

Mr Dhlakama's vaciliation has thrown Maputo into a frenzy of uncertainty. An announcement in Rome on Monday night said he would come to Rome only to sign an agreement: therefore the sign-

ing would have to be delayed. Radio Mozambique broadcast an interview with him yesterday in which he said that unless issues relating to the assembly of guerrilias under United Nations supervision and other security problems were discussed, "there is no peace". Signor di Camerana, however, said he believed these issues could be settled in

Silence follows fireworks greeting Collor's fall A STONY silence fell over this task. A senior politician, who

The commissioners note that the soldiers continued to fire at the demonstrators who disappeared from sight".

They say that, even if the Ciskei commander or his men

Fallen: Collor leaves after his impeachment

futuristic capital yesterday as President Collor de Mello of Brazil faced what are likely to be his final moments in

The fireworks are over and the crowds that roared for his removal have dispersed. The congress, where legislators voted overwhelmingly in a raucous session on Tuesday to remove Senhor Collor from office, settled back into almost a workaday routine.

An unknowing visitor might never imagine that just hours before, history was made here. Ever since Europeans reached Brazil in 1500, its leaders have been repeatedly yanked rudely from power, generally by coups. For once, a leader has fallen in accor-dance with the rule of law, and without bloodshed or social

But behind the tranquil facade. Brasilia was grasping for a way to get through one of its most difficult moments. Tomorrow, Itamar Franco, the vice-president, is expected to take the oath of office and take over from Senhor Collor. who was deposed on Tuesday by 441 votes to 38 on the ground that he participated in a scheme of corruption engineered by his closest

Senhor Collor, suspended

Mac Margolis writes from Brasilia on the task facing the new president.

from office for the next 180 days, now must face an impeachment trial in the senate and possibly criminal charges as well. Few Brazilians predict that he will go to jail, but he must defend himself against charges that he condoned and even profited from Brazil's largest corruption scandal in

Senhor Franco faces the daunting task of reviving the credibility of a government that has collapsed in disgrace. The economy, deep in reces-sion and afflicted by 25 per cent monthly inflation, is virtually paralysed. The Brazilian people, who poured into the streets to get rid of Senhor Collor, wait anxiously for miracles from an untried president. The Collor cabinet is poised to resign, including the finance minister, Marcilio Marques Moreira, widely seen as having saved the economy from collapse during the recent weeks of political

Many Brazilians wonder if Senhor Franco is up to the

mayor and several terms in the legislature. Senhor Franco was chosen as a running mate less for his dynamism than as someone likely to be quietly loyal to the president.

He must now build a new government and try to referee the various antagonistic forces that helped to bring down the Collor government. Businessmen, especially foreign creditors, fear that the power vacuum could mean the scrapping of important reforms. Many of those who voted to oust Senhor Collor for corruption also want to roll back the economic programme he began, such as reducing the bureaucracy and halting pri-

vatisation of state industry. Senhor Franco, although criticised by some for his nationalistic positions in congress, has made efforts to dispel rumours that he intends radically to change course. "Itamar Franco's government cannot be too ambitious. He can only put the country back on track," Alexandre de Barros, a political analyst, said. With a little over two years of

Senhor Collor's mandate remaining, Senhor Franco may well be judged a success less for grand feats of policy than for simply avoiding a bigger



Elevated: Franco, the vice-president, takes over a struggling economy and a discredited government



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Delhi tries to curb riotous assembly

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

HOOTING and howling are to be banned in the Indian parliament, whose MPs hoot and howl a great deal. Throwing paper balls, hissing, shouting slogans and playing cassette tapes will also be outlawed. Carrying guns, a status symbol, will not be tolerated. The place will lose its charm. New draft rules of con-





duct for MPs, if they were ever observed, would leave the Lok Sabha (lower house) and the Rajya Sabha (upper house) much diminished. Both are anarchic, noisy, ill disciplined, unpredictable and entertaining from the safety of the

public galleries. India's headline writers jealously guard one of their ous", for describing parliamentary sessions. The word does not fully do the occasions justice, but perhaps riotous would be going too far. Even the pedantic wording of an all-party discussion paper, entitled Discipline and Decorum in the Parliament and State Legislatures, reveals something of the substantial measure of bad behaviour. Under the sub-heading, Types and causes of disorder, it observes that, apart from hooting and howling, members make "parallel speeches and similar sorts

of activities". The document, containing proposals for a new code of conduct, says that MPs should not read books and newspapers in the chamber. That is not a common problem because rarely are there any members in either house, save for those immediately involved in the business at hand. There is commonly

is usually overlooked. The proposed rules also say that M.Ps should not place hats on the desk nor carry walking sticks, unless they need them to stay upright. However, nobody seriously believes that such

not even a quorum, but that

The price of peace

Marrack Goulding on the UN's thankless task

he Saturday before last was a cheerless day in the United Nations department of peacekeeping operations in New York. Radovan Karadzic, leader of Bosnia's Serbs. had failed to concentrate his weapons under UN supervision. The daily mayhem continued in Sarajevo. A helicopter carrying UN electoral personnel had gone missing in Angola. The desperately needed Pakistani battalion's arrival in Mogadishu had again been delayed, for reasons beyond the UN's control. The main contributors to the UN force in Cyprus had just told us that they had decided to withdraw or significantly reduce

their contingents.

But for this official, exploring the archaeological levels of his in-tray, the real gloom came from reading the week's press cuttings. These are taken daily from the world newspapers published in English, French or Spanish. The British press, to its credit, averages nearly half of each day's take. Recent weeks' stories spoke much of "muddle" in the UN's efforts in Bosnia, Somalia. Angola, Cambodia, El Salvador etc. This came as no surprise and caused little grief. Muddle is to be deplored but it is a feature of most expeditionary forces, especially in their early stages.

ikelihood of muddle, in the case of the UN, is greatly increased by the mismatch between member states' enthusiasm for giving the organisation new peacekeeping tasks and their reluctance to pay for those tasks. The present total of unpaid dues on the peacekeeping accounts is \$734.2 million. This is equivalent to 54 per cent of this year's budget for peacekeeping. What has caused grief is the British media's failure to understand what the UN can and cannot do. The mood seems to be to hold the UN responsible for all evils arising from the 12 conflicts where UN peacekeeping operations have been established. Correspondents in the field and leader writers in London seem unaware of the limited nature of the tasks entrusted to those operations and of the resources made available to carry them out.

In theory, the UN Charter empowers the organisation to use force against aggressors. In practice that power has never been exercised by the UN as such, though on two occasions — in Korea in 1950 and in Kuwait in 1990 — the Security Council has authorised member states to use force to ensure respect for its decisions. What has evolved instead is an activity known now as peacekeeping, by which the UN sends military, police and other civilian personnel to an area or conflict in order to help the hostile parties implement agreements they have reached. These agreements can range from a local ceasefire (as, in theory, in Sarajevo at present) to a comprehensive settlement of the conflict (as in Angola, Cambodia. El Salvador and, soon we hope, Mozambique).

uch UN operations are thus based on agreements. They can be established only with the consent of the parties to those agreements. And they can only succeed if they enjoy continuing co-operation from the parties. Each party, of course, blows the whistle if thinks the UN is favouring its adversary. Consent and impartiality are thus essential conditions for the UN to succeed.

Recent UN successes — in Namibia, in Nicaragua, in maintaining the ceasefire between Iran and Iraq — have aroused unrealistic expectations. The extent to which success depends on the co-operation of the parties is too often overlooked. When parties do not co-operate (like the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia or everyone in Bosnia and Herzegovina) the UN's ability to do what the Security Council has asked it to do becomes severely constrained. The UN can cajole, argue, bluster, mobilise diplomatic support from powerful countries. But it cannot compel.

If the international community wants to impose its will on recalcitrant parties, whether in civil wars or interstate wars, then it must field expeditionary forces with the necessary mandate and armament. Provisions for such action exist in the UN Charter. Many think that they should be re-examined now that the Cold War is over. Meanwhile, let us stop blaming peacekeepers for failing to do those things which they have not been authorised or equipped to do.

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Graham Mather proposes a set of practical solutions for Conservatives to the present European muddle

t last a way out of the confusion on Britain's approach to European policy is in sight. A path back to credibility could begin with the first detailed government exposition of European policy since the French referendum, to be delivered by Douglas Hurd in a London speech tonight.

The Conservative party has obvious divisions on Europe. It is not, at base, split. Of course Tristan Garel-Jones had reason to attack the political nihilism of some Euro-phobes. It is simply not good enough to talk in generalities about a "true common market" or "no rule from Brussels". The rebels have a responsibility to put forward a detailed picture of what would replace or modify Maastricht, and of this there is, shamefully, not a sign.

But nor is it enough to assert, as some ministers have seemed to imply this week, that a speedy ratification of Maastricht is enough. The slightest hint of an aim to push ahead regardless would wreck any attempt to re-

A Maastricht repair kit

establish a firm base for a durable British approach to the Community: positive but decentralist. John Major's task, in hectic diplomacy this week and at Brighton next week, is to find a synthesis for this dialectic.

The exchange rate mechanism (ERM) is not at the centre of the stage despite the Treasury's embarrassing somersaults. Many economies now wish to leave a window open for relatively early reentry into the sort of ERM which was always on offer: a fixed but floating, crawling peg system in which central banks and currency markets could never get too far out of step with each other. It is a bitter irony that the Treasury failed to realign in time, but that is no reason to reform the ERM's structure in any fundamental sense. Any changes should concentrate on the rules for central bank inter-

vention, mobilisation of reserves, and inter-bank co-operation: important issues for central bankers, but technical and an agenda item only just big enough for the summit in Birmingham on October 16.

Far more important is getting the subsidiarity package right. John Major has to offer his party a deal that is compatible with his heart-of-Europe philosophy and acceptable to other Conservative and Christian Democrat leaders. It must be legally effective, do the minimum violence to the text of Maastricht; and have the staying power to determine the behaviour of EC officials not just next year but for years ahead.

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There can be no doubt that he has his party's mandate to do this. Of 195 constituency resolutions tabled for next week's conference only seven call for a referendum. The language tends

to be clear but moderate, preoccupied with free trade, enlargement and subsidiarity. Stockton South is typical. It proposes as the central agenda "openness to new members, devolution of power to national governments and free trade throughout the single European Market".

Streatham also reflects the

mood. It wants a gradual widening of the EC and urges the government "to ensure that any further deepening of the EC is pursued in conjunction with a reduction in the level of powers of the Commission at its centre".

It is possible to construct a Protocol to the Treaty that will meet these aspirations. Its central element should concern the procedures by which subsidiarity will be made to work, and tilt the balance of decision making and initiation from the Commission

First, it should confirm that the review of unnecessary EC legislation currently in hand, will end with the removal of redundant material from the statute book. Next, new checks on future legislation should be built into the system. Then each new Commission initiative should be accompanied by a fiche de subsidiarité: which vouches that they are compatible with Article 3b of Maastricht. To give this measure teeth a 20 per cent vote of the Council of Ministers

objecting to any proposal should be sufficient to block it.

To further entrench the rights of national parliaments to debate and deliver opinions on new proposals before they become EC regulations or directives, consultative documents and drafts should become the norm. This change would make EC-wide political discussion meaningful and credible. The result would be that European proposals would emerge earlier, be debated more thoroughly across the Community, and be subject to legal and political tests before they turn into law.

The signs are that a package of this nature will fit in with the Danes, can be sold to the Germans, and will be let past just - by the Commission. This is the path John Major must follow. If subsidiarity can be got right he can chart a path out of the confusion to the benefit of the whole Community. If not the prospects of British ratification of Maastricht look bleak. Our partners are busy taking up tough pre-summit negotiating positions. But if the Community cannot deliver a Major-style deal on subsidiarity the heart will have gone out of the expanding, more open, less bureaucratic body they claim to wish to see. So Mr Major has, after all the agony, a big trump card to play.

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A leader who disregards evil

Chancellor Kohl

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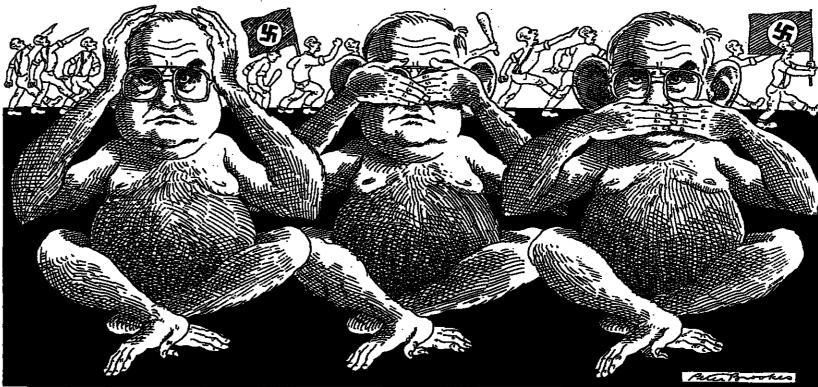
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says pro-German
Bernard Levin

could easily have missed it. as I turned the page. I think it must have been the placename Sachsenhausen that leaped out and bade me go back and read the item through. Here it is in full: "Fascists torch a Jews' memorial. Neo-Nazis are believed to be responsible for burning down a memorial to 10,000 Jews who died in a Second World War death-camp. The building at Sachsenhausen, north of Berlin, was inspected by Israeli Prime Minister Yizhak Rabin during a visit to Germany just two weeks ago."

Before I continue, I think I must establish my credentials. For fully 30 years now I have been — my only rival the late Terence Prittle — the most pro-German regular commentator in the British press. (Even earlier than that, I was happily hiking in Germany as a student in the late 1940s.) A good many eyebrows, throughout that time, have been raised at my curious friendship: Levin, after all, is a name very far from Aryan.

My reply was, of course, that

the new generations, whose hands were clean even if their fathers' were indelibly stained, were steadfast in their attachment to democracy; the Federal Republic has for many decades been a country scrupulous in its adherence to the rule of law. The Federal Republic scores 97 out of 100 by the strict test of Charles Humana's Human Rights Guide (a new edition is on the way, hurrah!); Britain scores 94, and only four countries claim 98. You can imagine what I felt when I saw our prime minister running away as fast as his long legs could carry him, bleating "It's all the fault of the



Germans".

It isn't the fault of the Germans, or rather it isn't the fault of the Germans as the wicked fairy come to do down sterling. But I have to add, with heavy heart considering what I have been saying about them, that they are showing all the stigmata of their grandparents, whose terrible sin, too terrible to be explated, was that they looked the other way.

When the Berlin Wall fell, great was the rejoicing, but the trouble that its fall brought with it was recognised only slowly. But the tide of refugees — refugees from poverty or murder or anything in between — broke on the boundaries of the newly-unified greater Germany.

At first, and for a most commendably long time, Germany accepted huge numbers of those who came straggling into the late 20th century, having previously lived in the Ice Age. But with the tide of wanderers there came another, darker tide; the Great Beast, whom we thought had long been slain, but

was only sleeping, stirred from its hibernation and came lumbering into view. And it brought its offereing with it

Vile things have ever since been crawling out of the cracks in Germany's walls; Nazi salutes are commonplace, the eviction of the huddled masses — as brutal as it is foul — from their pitiful shelters, while arson sees to it that the evicted ones do not linger; a putrid triumphalism from the underworld makes possible the desecration with which I started; and Chancellor

Kohl looks the other way.

He does worse: he bows to the clamour, doubtless taking care not to see where it comes from. and promises restrictions on the wandering tribes. Indeed, he has already started on the purification process; he has genially proclaimed that the gypsies will be rounded up and sent packing. (Do not be indignant, gentle reader; the last time a German leader thought that the country would be tidier without the gypsies, he had them murdered

in gas chambers, and you must admit that just throwing them out of the country to fend for themselves is a notable advance.)

Any German citizen listening

to all this has an immediate riposte, and a powerful one. Britain's record on these refugees is more than shameful, it is disgusting. But there is another element in this sorry story, and it is one that disturbs me greatly, particularly in the light of what I have said about my admiration for German democracy.

If these sinister emanations were becoming commonplace in our country (there have been a few attempts to emulate the German neo-Nazis, on the part of a few vacant-looking skinheads, but these have to ask passers-by which is their right hand before they can give a Hitler sahue), there would, of course, be protests, police dispersals of menacing crowds, questions in Parliament. But of one thing we can be sure; at least I certainly hope we can. As soon as it became clear that there was

a real movement, sufficiently numerous and threatening to make serious trouble (say the kind that would make peaceful citizens think twice about going out after dusk), there would be from the prime minister at the dispatch box an unambiguous denunciation of what was happening, and an equally clear statement to the effect that what he is talking about is unqualified evil. I have not heard of any such action on the part of Chancellor Kohl; as far as I know there has

know, recognise and understand.

Let us not go overboard: if the Chancellor has failed to rise to the occasion in the Bundestag with a stirring speech (alas, a stirring speech from Chancellor Kohl is as likely as an appearance at the Bundestag's podium of the Ungeheuervon Loch Ness), it is not because he is plotting a neo-Nazi putsch; he is doing

something far less tremendous,

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Chancellor is quite old enough to

something shabby and dirty that hurks as a danger for all democratic politicians; he is placating the worst in his society because they, too, have votes, and their numbers are increasing. In some societies, a situation like this would provide the opportunity for a wink and a whistle, whereupon the police guarding the refugees would be withdrawn, explaining as they went that their forces were, and for the foresceable future would remain, unhappily overstretched.

I must emphasise that Germany is not such a country: the rule of law, and the defence of it, are still in place. But the Chancellor must know that it would take very little for Britain to become seriously germanophobe, not because of Maastricht, but because we are seeing on our evening bulletins strutting German Nazis, and we do not like what we see. May I quote Goethe? "Gefährlich ist" mit Geistern sich gesellen." And may I translate? "It is dangerous to make friends with ghosts."

...and moreover CRAIG BROWN

ere is a trick to play on your friends. First, you boast that you can get them to say exactly what you want, regardless of whether it's true. Then you say, "How do you spell 'silk'?". They will reply, "S-I-L-K". Then you say, "And what do cows drink?" And they will reply, "Milk". Aha! you have made them say an obvious untruth! Cows do not drink milk they produce milk.

My brother was taught this trick a couple of months ago by a company that sells windows. For all his working life he has been a fish-farmer, starting off at the very first experimental fish-farm in Scotland in the days — not so very long ago — when people would roar with laughter at the very idea of a farm with fish, imagining a flock of salmon grazing in a meadow.

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He went on to run a large fishfarm for the Norwegian government, and then to start one of the
biggest fish-farms in Europe.

Alas, the company that had
invested in this fish-farm overreached itself and decided to call
it a day. And this is how my
brother, with a wife and two
children to support, found himself becoming — temporarily. I

trust — a window salesman.

Esther Rantzen has spent so much time selling the idea that salesmen are brigands that it is rather touching to hear the salesman's side of things for a change. It seems that we have become a country of Rantzens, all keen to entice salesmen into our homes simply to savage them. My brother does not call at

houses uninvited: he distributes leaflets in an area, and any householder tempted by the leaflet then gets in touch with him. Obviously, he has been armed with pseudo-scientific instructions on how best to put his case Q: "What is a close?"

A. "A question the response to which reveals the position of the person answering in relation to a proposition or a proposal."
Q: "What is a pre-close?"
A. "A question which establish-

es the conditions which are to be met for the sale to be completed. EXAMPLE: 'If I could show you a way to get tickets for the cup final at just £1 each would you be interested?''

And so on. But having been

And so on. But having been armed with these very mild fibs, my brother has been startled by the skill with which quite ordinary people are capable of fibbing back, not just with little white lies but with great big whomers.

whoppers.
"They lie far more than the salesmen do." he says. "In fact, it has really quite shocked me." They will, for instance, tell any sort of lie rather than simply saying "no" to the salesman. A particular favourite is "We"ll get in touch in six months when we have some money coming in." Others post-date cheques and then cancel them the minute the

salesman has departed.

Potential customers with teenage children are among the most flagrant liars. The scenario goes like this the salesman suggests measuring the existing windows and coming up with an estimate. He is busy measuring when the

customers suddenly remember they have a teenage child in a filthy room upstairs, probably watching a video nasty while slumped on an unmade bed. What can they do to stop the salesman chancing upon this shameful secret? "I'm afraid we keep that door locked," and "There's someone asleep in there," are among the most popular excuses, with "That room has no windows," running a close third.

Those customers who neither

tie nor buy adopt what might be called the Rantzen Method. Last week, my brother sat with two old dears, trying to chat with one while the other said at the top of her voice, "Don't believe a word he says! You're not to listen to him! Whatever you do, don't sign anything!" over and over again, as if he weren't there.

Another customer, all smiles for the first five minutes, suddenly realised that he wasn't getting something for nothing, rose from his chair and simply shouted, "OUT!" One pompous customer was so rude — declaring that all the letters of recommendation were too good to be anything but professionally composed — that my brother lost his temper and replied, "I'm very sorry, madam, but you don't have the right general attitude to be the recipient of our windows," Whereupon she became terribly polite and, 15 minutes later, signed up for them. Surely someone must have some fish that need managing? My brother simply can't wait to return to a life among those who

don't answer back,

Pruning time for red roses

THEY may not know it yet, but John Smith has already taken one key decision about his party's future by sacking Labour's advertising agents. In a dramatic break with the Kinnock years the new leader has decided to dispense with the the so-called shadow communications agency, which was responsible for the redesign of Labour over the past seven years and the introduction of the red rose image.

The agency, a group of professional advisers set up by Peter Mandelson and headed by Philip Gould, co-ordinated Labour's last two election campaigns. Its supporters say it has been made a scapegoat for Labour's fourth election defeat by shadow cabinet members who felt they were excluded from the decision-making

David Hill, the party's communications director, has decided to appoint three independent agencies to take over the work. The party may put the contracts out to tender. One will be responsible for opinion polling, another for advertising and the third for party political broadcasts. They will work separately but will all meet once a month at Walworth Road to discuss a common strategy with Hill.

The bitternesss in the party about the agency's work has still not abated. Only last week John Prescott complained on television that he was forced to turn to television or read the newspapers to discover the party's daily campaign themes. The shadow communications agency, for example, was responsible for the "Jennifer's Ear" party political broadcast, which enraged Robin Cook, then the health spokesman.



came as news to most of its leading members in Blackpool yesterday. Patricia Hewitt, Neil Kinnock's former press secretary, and one of the founding members, could not conceal her surprise. "I don't know what the party's intentions are. I have not been told. What I do know is that the shadow communications agency has done an amazing job." John Smith, it seems, does not agree.

 More tales of fear and loathing among Blackpool's taxi drivers. after Barbara Castle and her luggage were ejected onto the pavement at the weekend. Yesterday David Blunkett was refused a ride because of his guide dog, Offa. The driver, Brian Mitchinson said: "There is no room for dogs in my type of car. I have to consider other passengers." Another taxi driver intervened to give Blunkett a lift. Dennis Wright, secretary of Blackpool's Licensed Taxi Opera tors' Association, was appalled. "This man is a disgrace," he said and offered a free cab service to the blind MP for the rest of the week.

Fun hopes

AS CANDIDATES begin jostling for Bryan Gould's shadow cabinet seat, Tony Banks has already put down a marker for Gould's old job as shadow heritage secretary. the vacant shadow cabinet post he has little chance of election; but, his friends insist, there is no reason why the job should not be done by someone outside the elected members of the front bench. After all, both the Northern Ireland and defence portfolios were run for a number of years from outside the shadow cabinet.

Banks, a former chairman of the arts committee on the Greater London Council has begun by quietly fulfilling some of Gould's engagements at the Labour Party conference. Last night he stood in at a fringe meeting. "Whither the Arts", where Gould had been due to be the main speaker.

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One possible drawback is that like the hapless David Mellor, who is due to comment on Chelsea's match next weekend for BSkyB, Banks is an avid fan of the Blues. But Banks does not diguise his desire for the job. "I am already trimming my toe nails in eager anticipation." he says. The last time he held a front-bench post he was forced to resign for voting against the party whip. "If I defy the leadership line again," he says. "I promise not to do it in a Chelsea

Bloc capitalism

THE triumph of capitalism in the former East European countries will become almost complete with the ninth Monopoly world championships in Berlin next week. For the first time Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia will be among the 30 countries trying to wrest the title from the Japanese. The game will be played on an American board and Paul Cordy, the British champion, is perfecting the strategy he adopted in the UK national championships, namely to buy everything except railway stations and

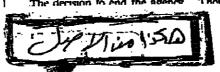
public utilities. The world champ-

Cordy, a banker with Barclays. "In one tournament one of the contestants ostentatiously swigged from a gin bottle throughout the day. His speech became slurred and his dealings more and more erratic. Most of the players dismissed him as a drunk and let him buy and sell at will. It was only when he successfully bankrupted some of the best



players in the world and gained his place in the finals that we realised the sham". But Cordy is quietly confident of returning with the \$15.140 prize money. "If a banker can't make people bankrupt, who

Oxford polytechnic is finding it hard to come up with a name to match its new university status. It thought it had solved the problem with Crosland University at Oxford, a high-minded reference to the late Labour minister and father of the polytechnic movement. Hardly was the ink dry when Dr Clive Booth, the poly's director, realised that the name had other, less welcome associations. Last June, the treasurer of the poly's student union was jailed for stealing £40,000 from union funds. His



FROTH AND BUBBLE

Behind all the bubble and froth of John Major's shuttle diplomacy, how real are the "fault-lines" in the European exchange-rate mechanism that he says he wants to repair? Government officials have only one answer: embarrassed silence.

The answer lies in politics, not economics. The search for remedies for these mysterious fault-lines is no more than a way of filling in time and distracting attention, while party managers take the temperature of the Conservative party before next week's conference. They know full well, as surely must Mr Major, that the alleged fault-lines do not run through ERM, which has functioned roughly as its founders intended. They run right through British economic and foreign policy. The ERM was never designed to carry the enormous burden of hopes and expectations unwisely laden onto it by the British political establishment, and everyone knows this by now.

The ERM could not "guarantee" permanently low inflation or impose the Bundesbank's rigorous monetary policies on other members. It did not allow countries with huge balance of payments deficits permanently to underpin their currencies at high levels, as a way of "bearing down on inflation". And it did not commit the Bundesbank, or any other government or central bank, to offer unlimited help to other countries, especially if they were defending unrealistic exchange rates. But for Mr Major to admit all this so soon after pinning all his colours to the system would be more

than human nature could bear. He has therefore decided to argue, at least for a while, that something within the system went wrong. And in a way it did, but well before Britain joined in October 1990. Until June 1988, when Jacques Delors published his blueprint on European monetary union. the ERM had two simple and modest objectives: to insulate Europe from excessive but temporary currency fluctuations; and to nudge member countries towards less inflationary policies. Every few years currencies could be adjusted towards an equilibrium position, which allowed mem- . economic road. The rest is froth and bubble.

ber countries to keep their economies growing and balance their trade.

As the campaign for monetary union gained support among the political élites of France, Germany, Italy and the Benelux countries, the system acquired another, more significant, function. An ever more rigid ERM came to be seen as the penultimate step on the road to a single currency for the whole of Europe. For countries intent on making this journey, membership became the pivotal commitment around which all other economic, fiscal and diplomatic decisions had to revolve.

This "hard" ERM was what Mr Major thought he was joining in October 1990. It should have been clear why this was inap-propriate for Britain. The economy at the time of joining was far from stability and equilibrium. Interest rates were unsustainably high, the trade deficit was enormous and industry was heading into recession.

Beyond this purely economic misjudgment lay an even deeper, political fault-line. The supposedly irrevocable commitment to fix the pound against the mark directly contradicted Britain's policy on European monetary union. In France, Germany and the other core countries, ERM membership was seen, at least by government élites, as an economic price worth paying to attain monetary and political union. But for Britain the arguments for a fixed exchange rate were presented the other way round. The ERM was sold as an economic panacea, and a half-hearted commitment to monetary union was the political price that

As the Bundesbank had warned all along, Britain had condemned itself to permanent recession by joining the ERM. To what purpose? In order to move towards a federal goal - which the government and people opposed. Those are the real fault-lines in Britain's relationship with the ERM. These are not fault-lines that can be bridged, crossed or narrowed. They leave Mr Major with only one sensible option: to turn away from the ERM and find a new political and

BEYOND BISHO

Events in South Africa have taken a hopeful turn this week, with the government and the African National Congress agreeing to resume negotiations towards a new constitutional dispensation. That mood of optimism was strengthened yesterday by Mr Justice Goldstone's devastatingly frank report on the causes of the Bisho massacre.

He found that most of the blame lay where the ANC claimed it did at the time. In a country where trust is a commodity rarer than rain on the parched high veld. Judge Goldstone is trusted and his verdict will stick. His Commission of Inquiry Regarding the Prevention of Public Violence and Intimidation is now in permanent session. a standing discouragement to all thugs and killers, whatever their uniforms or weapons.

Its report into the massacre on September 7 excoriates the armed forces of Brigadier Oupa Goozo, the dictator of the so-called independent black homeland of Ciskei. Pointing out that the soldiers disregarded their own rules on the use of minimum force as expressed in their standing orders, he says that "their indiscriminate and prolonged shooting at innocent demonstrators is morally and legally indefensible". It must now be a matter of urgency for the attorney general of Ciskei to start proceedings against anyone with responsibility for the carnage. That ought to include Brigadier Marius Oelschig, the South African intelligence officer seconded to Ciskei to command its

defence force. The judge also has harsh words for Ronnie Kasrils, intelligence chief of the African National Congress's army, Umkhonto we Sizwe, "Spear of the Nation". He is rebuked for the irresponsible decision to lead demonstrators through a gap in the fence in front of the soldiers, virtually onto their guns. At the very least the leadership of the ANC alliance should follow the recommendation of the report and censure Mr Kasrils and other leaders, mostly from the Communist party, who helped make that decision. If that should lead to a separation between the Communist party and the official ANC, so much the better.

Perhaps most significantly for the future, Judge Goldstone's report lays down further guidelines for the conduct of such demonstrations. He rightly acknowledges that mass demonstration is the only form of peaceful political activity open to the disenfranchised majority, and recommends that the leadership of the black homelands should declare itself willing to tolerate mass demonstrations within reason. But he draws a clear distinction, which the ANC alliance leaders did not draw at Bisho, between peaceful efforts to popularise political policies or propagate change, and those actions that create lasting disturbance or cause intimidation.

In the past, Judge Goldstone's recommendations have supplied a yardstick by which subsequent events could be judged. His enquiry into hostel violence resulted in proposals to protect vulnerable hostels. which the government has at last implemented. His enquiry into deaths on township commuter trains has prompted the rail authority to set up a security force. After Boipatong, Professor Peter Waddington's critical review of the South African police and its methods was completed under the auspices of the Goldstone Commission.

If all sides can now accept Judge Goldstone's recommendations, the prospects for peace and democracy in South Africa will be brighter than for many months. The shock of the tragedy on the road to Bisho which brought President F.W. de Klerk and Nelson Mandela together last weekend may yet prove a crucial turning point.

GIVE A DOG A BAD NAME

Tell it how it is in Gath. Publish it now in the streets of Ashkelon, even though it is 30 centuries too late. The Philistines have been rehabilitated and found not guilty of the qualities for which their nation became a hissing byword.

The latest archaeology in Israel is demonstrating that they were not such philistines after all. Contrary to millennia of calumny, they are emerging from the sands of the past as a sensitive and artistic people, who were living in palaces, drinking wine and eating off sophisticated painted pottery while the contemporary Israelites were pigging it in shacks and using crude earthenware. In the long eye of history, the Philistines are turning out as good guys rather than bad.

aesthetes rather than lager louts. Adventurous archaeologists speculate, mainly from the appearance of their pottery. that the Philistines were in fact Mycenean Greeks, sea people wandering the Eastern Mediterranean after the fall of Troy. Paintings of scenes from the Odyssey have been found in the ruins of Ashkelon. So when Delilah cuts Samson's hair, she is merely echoing the Greek myth of Scylla cutting her father's hair while he slept. removing his invincibility in order that he could be defeated by her faithless lover. King Minos of Crete. Goliath of Gath, the Philistine giant, wore greaves of brass upon his legs when he was terminally knocked over with a slingshot by the young David in the 10th century BC. No israelite or other

After their dreadful press in the Old Testament, the Philistines pejorated their bad name at a town and gown row at Jena in 1693, which killed several people. The university preacher took as his text Judges, xvi, 12, "The Philistines be upon thee", and thereafter among German students Philister became the snobbish university slang for townspeople, base and banausic outsiders, ill-behaved and ignorant, lacking culture and sensibility. In English, Matthew Arnold popularised philistine as a metaphor for a crass and cultureless materialism.

Philistines are not the only people to have been defamed by the accidents of history. The latest biblical scholarship maintains that the Pharisees were liberal reformers, attacked by Jesus not as opponents but as allies flawed by their excesses. Christianity and modern Judaism are both thought to have been founded in the Pharisaical tradition. Nor is this revisionism uniquely semitic: Genghis Khan is being reinterpreted by modern scholars as a caring leader who

started social services for his tribe. History is the official record of the winners, and justice has not much to do with it. The bad name of the illiterate Philistines is a gratifying advertisement for the power of the written word. It is a less gratifying example of the power of public relations, though the writers of the Old Testament were a more eloquent advertising agency than their modern successors. The moral of the reputation of the Philistines is not to halieus everything you read. And for future.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Reform of defence to murder charge Anomalies likely in 'unit' fines

From Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC. and Professor Terence Morris

Sir, Both your report of the annual conference of the Bar (September 28) and the article by Janet Daley ("When marriage turns bloody". September 29) indicate a growing movement towards the re-shaping of the two established defences to a charge of murder - provocation and diminished responsibility. This follows the case of Kiranjit Ahluwalia whose conviction for the murder of her husband after enduring years of his physical and psychological violence was quashed by the Court of Appeal (report, September 26) and replaced by a conviction for manslaughter on grounds of diminished responsibility.

The defence of provocation has a strict requirement that the killer should have lost self-control, thus precipitating the homicidal attack. Reformers would ease that requirement, allowing for a gradual build-up of provocative behaviour on the part of

The defence of diminished responsibility, should it succeed, reduces murder to manslaughter. This concept was introduced into English law by the Homicide Act of 1957 with the

avowed purpose of limiting the scope of the death penalty - and hence superfluous since its abolition in

A simpler and more attractive method of achieving justice in cases of mental disturbance and disorder short of having a single crime to embrace all the present categories of criminal homicide — would be to replace the mandatory sentence of life imprisonment for murder with a discretionary sentence appropriate to the case, up to life imprisonment. Indeed, the Lords select committee on murder and life imprisonment in 1989, under Lord Nathan, sensibly recommended the introduction of a discretionary sentence (but, even then, suggested that the two defences for murder be retained).

Both provocation and diminished responsibility are strictly factors which mitigate the accused's intention to kill. Juridically speaking, the defences belong, appropriately, to the sentence and not to the verdict.

Yours truly, LOUIS BLOM-COOPER, TERENCE MORRIS. 2 Ripplevale Grove, N1. September 29.

Serving the Church

From the Principal, Salisbury and Wells Theological College

Sir, The House of Bishops has guaranteed to find a first post for all those who complete a course of preparation for ordained ministry and has put in place a coherent system to achieve this. The next stage of that system comes into operation on November 1.

I shall be very surprised if Michael Windridge (letter, September 24) or any other ordinand from this college is unemployed next Petertide. Every year, for the past four years. I have had bishops telephoning me throughout February and March to ask whether we have any more ordinands available to fill posts in their dioceses.

Only two ordinands from here have not found posts in the past five years, both for quite exceptional reasons. Fortunately, writing a letter to The

Times lamenting the possibility of being unemployed and offering to become the first British Gas or McDonalds curate is unlikely to be interpreted as also constituting exceptional circumstances.

Yours faithfully, PHILIP CROW. Principal. Salisbury and Wells Theological College, 19 The Close, Salisbury, Wiltshire. September 25.

College boarders

Sir. "Local rather than boarding

universities", you urge on academics,

"devious defenders of territory" (third

leader, September 23). As a defender

of the status quo I wonder whether

your Utopia, with students forcibly

distributed around the provinces.

would include an Oxford recruited

solely from Oxfordshire commuters

and a Cambridge from Cambridge-

shire: leaving the colleges' "boarding"

facilities for conference-goers, over-

seas students, Inspector Morse prod-

uction units, and others bringing.

From Professor Emeritus M. W. Beresford, FBA

Controlling squirrels

From Mr Peter Hale

Sir, I regret to say that Mr John Bryant's assertion (letter, September 25) that control of grey squirrels should be confined to commercial

forests is sadly flawed. My experience in 30 years of managing broadleaved and mixed forest has been that areas of woodland where no control takes place provide reservoirs of squirrel population that colonise other woodland rapidly when explosions of population take place, such as in the early 1970s and

It is essential that the grey squirrel population is kept at a level below which its bark-stripping propensities are not significant if we are to be successful in regenerating thousands of hectares of near derelict and geriatric broadleaved woodland.

Yours faithfully, PETER HALÉ. Payn's House, Oxhill, Warwick.

AA priorities From Dr J. F. Wheater

Sir. Many motorists belong to the

Automobile Association for the practical services that it provides rather than its lobbying activities. I am sure that I am not alone among the membership in objecting to the relentless building of roads espoused by the management of the AA (letter, September 25).

Yours faithfully, JOHN WHEATER, University College, Oxford. September 25.

'World in Action'

From Mr Mark Killick

Yours faithfully, M. W. BERESFORD,

6 Claremont Avenue.

Woodhouse Square,

Leeds, West Yorkshire.

Sir. In Mr David Sullivan's letter (September 24) relating to the World in Action programme, "The Sultan of Sleaze". he claimed he "offered to participate" in the programme.

As I understand it be originally said he would work on the production providing he could control it. Subsequently his publicity director wrote to us saying Mr Sullivan "does not want to be part of the programme".

Yours faithfully, M. KILLICK (Producer), World in Action, Granada Television Ltd., 36 Golden Square, W1. September 29.

Access to art forms

From the Director of the British Film Institute

Sir, It would be unfortunate if the suggestion by Baroness Blatch, the education minister, that GCSE examining boards should drop television programmes and sub-standard texts from their syllabuses (report, September 25), diverted attention from the central issue: that all children should enter adult life with the ability to evaluate critically all the texts they encounter. It is for this reason that the BFI lobbied hard for the inclusion of media education within the core curriculum in English; and why we wish to see such studies extended within the scope of the present National Curriculum Council review. No one denies that children must be introduced to significant human achievements in literature, music, and the visual arts: however it would be perverse if the curriculum denied them access to the 20th century's own art forms, television and cinema.

The crucial question is not what our children are taught about, but why. Children now in school will be the writers, film producers and composers, as well as the book-buyers, television viewers and theatregoers of the 21st century.

Citizens in a democracy must have access to the full creative and informative possibilities of every communication technology, from books to broadcasting.

Yours faithfully. WILF STEVENSON, Director, British Film Institute, 21 Stephen Street, W1.

Training in Poland

From Ms Susan Vincent

Sir, In the article on management training in Eastern Europe (Focus, September 21) I was interested to note that there was no real evidence of "a squandering or duplication of effort".

My experience with the Know How Fund in Poland, mentioned in the article, suggests that it would be foolish to ignore the upheaval in higher education there. It may be attributed to reorganisation of curriculums and academic structures, the attitudes of academics who previously worked in a communist regime and

We can demonstrate what has worked for us and dovetail it with Poland's plans. Economic reform is long-term. We must beware of shortterm answers and fixed strategies which do not fit comfortably into these

Our focus must look towards an approach which is client-centred not trainer-directed. If it is not we may prescribe programmes which will be discarded as soon as the funds have been spent

Yours faithfully. SUSAN VINCENT. Middlesex University Business School. don ATTEN

plans.

From Mr P. S. Vaines

Sir. On October 1 the provisions of the Criminal Justice Act 1991, which introduced "unit" fines, come into force. The idea of unit fines is to provide an attractively simple means of matching the penalty with the offender's ability to pay. Hitherto, magistrates have used their experience and judgment in deciding what is the "right" fine for a particular offence and have adjusted the figure downwards (as necessary) to take account of the offender's means.

However, from October 1 magistrates will determine the fine by imposing a number of "units" to reflect their view of the seriousness of the offence. These units will be converted into a fine by multiplying the total units by the offender's disposable weekly income (somewhere in the range £4 to £100). The financial burden is thereby equalised, or so the theory goes.

Tests have shown that this throws up the most bizarre fines, markedly different from the fines which might previously have been thought appro-priate for the particular offence. In one recent example in a training session, a group of magistrates,

determining the fine for a simple isolated case of shoplifting, came up with an average fine of £700 where previously they might not have imposed more than £100.

It is anticipated that there will be a short period while magistrates get used to the new system, and then fines will be consistently imposed at a reasonable level throughout the country. However, during this period there will inevitably be many aberrations in the level of fines imposed, and this may give rise to a number of appeals.

It would perhaps be worthwhile to publicise the fact that for the next few months fines may be, to say the least, unexpected. Those prone to offend would be encouraged to reconsider

If this were to reduce criminal activity even for a short period, that would obviously be worthwhile. It is also possible that just causing some to stop and think would be enough to keep some on the straight and narrow.

Yours faithfully, PETER VAINES, Baker's Close. Bicester Road, Long Crendon, Buckinghamshire. September 24.

'Celebrating' weapons

From Mr Allan Lupton

Sir, It is always a little difficult to get the balance right when marking the anniversary of an engineering achievement which was also a weapon of war. Here in England we have had events to commemorate 50th anniver-saries of the Spitfire, Lancaster and Mosquito — in each case a major design and production achievement for the time (which is what we were recording), the whole point of which was as a weapon of war.

The Hatfield branch of the Royal Aeronautical Society hosted the Mosquito commemorative symposium in 1990 which was addressed by some of those men directly involved in the conception, production and use of the DH 98. The attendance was around 300 including several non-British (at least one German) who did not appear to have come to glory in the war.

The transcripts of the lectures are now being sold in book form to benefit an educational scheme commemorating the chief designer, R. E. Bishop. which is intended to attract children to the field of engineering.

It may be a reflection of the continuing value of propaganda that had it been proposed to hold a commemoration of the A4 rocket, as the engineers knew it, it might have failed to hit the headlines as it did when the V2 appellation was used.

Yours faithfully. ALLAN LUPTON, 197 Icknield Way. Letchworth. Hertfordshire. September 30.

Genetic engineering

From the Director of the Genetics Forum

Sir, Nigel Hawkes ("Scientists in the kitchen", September 26) paints a lurid picture of genetic engineers terrorised "frenzied" activists. Yet surely scientists should only produce things that society needs, are safe for both consumers and the environment and are morally sound. The examples of genetically engineered food which he cites provide no reassurance of need or

Consumers need a halanced diet of fresh food, not single-food "nutriceuticals" or the "non-squash tomato" which, like food irradiation, is an example of artificial freshness that will simply save the producers money. Herbicide-resistant crops, produced by agrochemical companies, are designed to sell more herbicides which may cause environmental damage

and leave more residues in food. The cattle growth hormone, BST, illustrates the moral questions raised by genetic engineering. BST has been opposed by ourselves and organ-

Federation of Women's Institutes, the RSPCA, and the National Farmers' Union.

As a tool of intensive farming, BST increases milk yield in cows and causes documented animal welfare problems. The political and economic intensive farming is inseparable from the moral question of how animals should be treated.

Moral judgment on such questions inevitably depends on the economic goals to which research is aimed. Genetic engineering always raises moral questions, both because of the often dubious aims to which it is directed and because, unlike animal breeding, it is capable of mixing genes between fish and plants.

It also creates new ecological and food safety concerns which must be properly dealt with through regulation and through labelling which allows consumers to exercise their iudgment.

Yours faithfully. DAVID KING, Director. The Genetics Forum. 258 Pentonville Road, N1.

isations including the National September 27.

Travel experiences From Miss Annabel Frazer

Sir, As an English girl living in France, I am often asked why I prefer it to England. Can anyone doubt one of my reasons when, as happened this past weekend, travelling approxi-mately 200 miles from central Paris to Calais, there was not one cone or

roadwork to be seen? However, when travelling the 60odd miles from Dover to central London, I encountered eight different sets of roadworks, the first before getting through customs.

Yours faithfully, ANNABEL FRAZER, 8 rue du Pas de La Mule, 75003 Paris. September 30.

From Mr John Weishy

Sir, Your Diary piece (September 24) suggested that SNCF trains ran through last week's storms with delays of no more than 15 minutes.

In fact, at the height of the storm, there were delays of several hours in the Rhone Valley, just as there were to Franco-Spanish services last week-end. The reason for this -- exactly the same as the reason some of BR's services were seriously affected by the appalling weather - is that neither BR not SNCF takes deliberate risks with passengers lives.

Yours faithfully. JOHN WELSBY (Chief Executive, Railways), British Railways Board, Euston House, . 24 Eversholt Street, NW1.

September 28.

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Salmon net fishery

From the Director of the Salmon and Trout Association

Sir, The government decision to accept the recommendations of the National Rivers Authority to run down the salmon net fishery off the northeast coast of England by natural wastage, over a period of 30 years. comes as no surprise.

The NRA envisages that the rundown by natural wastage, and under existing legislation, will take 30 years with a 50 per cent reduction in ten years. This association believes that a shorter period should be considered and legislation speedily enacted. Consideration needs to be given to

some form of financial inducement to encourage those netsmen licensed to fish for salmon and sea trout to leave the fishery. A clear ministry statement that such an inducement would be legal, and would have government support, would facilitate fund-raising

Yours faithfully JAMES FERGUSON, Director. The Salmon and Trout Association. Fishmongers' Hall. London Bridge, EC4.

Tinker, tailor . . .

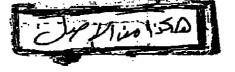
From Mr F. J. Stevenson

Sir, It has been a wonderful year for plums and those of us blessed with young children are once again hearing the traditional recitation of suitors (or jobs), as stones are ranged round

However, stainless steel kitchenware, the ready-made suit, the contraction of the armed forces, and the welfare state have now rendered this list largely redundant. Is it only the

escalation of burglary that keeps it in We badly need a revised version.

Yours etc., JOHN STEVENSON The Green Hall Ashbourne, Derbyshire.





COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE September 30: The Lady Elton has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen

BUCKINGHAM PALACE September 30: The Duke of York this afternoon visited the Royal Hospital School, Ipswich, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Suffolk (Sir Joshua Rewley, Br).

Captain Rupert Maitland-Titterton was in attendance. The Prince Edward this morning left Royal Air Force Northolt for a visit to the British Indian Ocean Territory (Diego Garcia), Brunei Darussalam, New Zea-land, Western Samoa and the

Cook Islands. His Royal Highness was rerife Royal Figuress was received at the Airport by the Special Representative for the Secretary of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs (Sir Donald Logan). the High Commissioner for New Zealand (His Excellency the Hon George Gair) and the High Commissioner for Brunei Darussalam [His Excellency Pengiran Dato Mustapha). Lieutenant Colonel Sean

O'Dwyer is in anendance. The Princess Royal this morning opened the new flatlets for the YMCA and the Sanctuary Housing Association, Milburn House, Harrogate, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for North Yorkshire (Sir Marcus Worsley, Bu.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, SENSE, the National Deaf-Blind and Rubella Association, after-wards visited Henshaw's College, Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, subsequently visited the Fund's stop. 23 Goodramgate, York, and was received by the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor of York (Councillor Bernard Bell).

Her Royal Highness, Patron. National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, this afternoon attended the Annual General Meeting and Conference at the University of York, Heslington,

Mrs David Bowes Lyon was in attendance.

New Lord Mayor

of London

The Institute of **Physics**

Mr Alderman Francis Me-Williams was yesterday elected the next Lord Mayor of London. He will be admitted to office on Friday, November 13.

John Garth Watson

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Rear Admiral John Garth Watson, CB, DSc, BSc(Eng), FICE, Secretary of the Institution of Civil Engineers from 1967 to 1979, will be held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey at 11.00am on Tuesday, November 3, 1992. Tickets are not required. All colleagues and friends are welcome.

St Andrew's Ball

The St Andrew's Ball will be held at Grosvenor House on Monday, November 30. There will be a pre-Ball session at Wandsworth Town Hall on Thursday, October 8, and Thursday, November 5, and a teaching evening on Thursday. October 29. Bail tickets are £55 including dinner and breakfast, £45 Ball and breakfast only, from the Ball Secretary. The Garden House, Cheriton, Ali Hampshire, SO24 OQQ. Airesford,

The Marchioness of Douro gave birth to a son in London on September 30.



His Royal Highness afterwards visited the Caister Heritage Trust's Croft, Westside, Dunnett. Commander Richard Aylard was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales today visited Cornwall and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cornwall (the Viscount Falmouth).

Her Royal Highness this mom ing opened the new Phase IV Block and commissioned the Magnetic Resonance Imaging Unit at Treliske Hospital, Truro.

The Princess of Wales, Patron Freshfield Service, subsequently visited the Charity at 10 Strangways Terrace. Truro. Finally Her Royal Highness opened Phi Magnetronics at Bickland Industrial Park,

Falmouth. Mr Patrick Jephson was in

ST JAMES'S PALACE

September 30: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning opened the Customer Service Wellingborough and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Nonhamptonshire (Mr John Lowther) and later opened Rushden School, Northampton.

His Royal Highness, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, this afternoon visited PED (Staden) Limited, Earls Barton.

This evening The Duke, Presi dent of the Scout Association and Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, ar-tended a Grand Dinner at Wicksteed Park, Kentering in aid of the Northamptonshire Scout

Commander Roger Walker. RN was in attendance.

Mr Clive Foxell CBE CPhys. FinstP. FIEE. Feng. takes up office as President of The Institute of Physics as of October 1, 1992. Other Members of Council for the 1992-93 period are:

Honorary Secretary, Professor D H
Martin: Honorary Treasurer. Mr J L
Lewis: Vice Presidents: Professor E
Jakeman, Professor V Morgan. Dr D R
Weaver. Professor M H Westbrook:
Ordinary Members, Dr R C Dougal,
Professor G A Gehring. Dr W G
Graham, Mr T D R Hickson, Dr C
Jordan, Professor R Loudon, Mr J H
Moore. Dr R J Nicholaas, Professor G
D Pirt. Dr L A Scont. Dr L S S Whiting. D Pitt. Dr J A Scott. Dr J S S Whiting.

Memorial service

Mr Charles Abell

A memorial service for Mr Charles Abell was held yesterday at the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Sunninghill, Berkshire. The Rev T.W. Gunter officiated. Mr Adrian Watney read the

Mr Andrew Russell read Sea Fever by John Masefield, Mr Geoffrey Radcliff read from Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan and Mr Handel Davies from Tennyson's Crossing the Bar. Miss Sorrel Newbery and Miss

Sarah Wallbank, granddaughters. played a flute and viola duet by Mozart. Sir Roy Sisson gave an

John Blakemore, who yesterday won the £10,000 Fox Talbot prize in the ICI photography awards at the National Portrait Gallery. London, focusing on Yousuf Karsh, the veteran portrait photographer whose studies of Winston Churchill won him world renown. The awards exhibition runs until October 11

BIRTHS: King Henry III, reigned 1216-72, Winchester, 1207; Giacomo da Vignola, architect. Vignola, Italy, 1507; Paul I. Emperor of Russia 1796-1801, St Petersburg, 1754; William Beckford, novelist. Fonthill Gifford, Wilstein 1760. Sir Beherd. Wiltshire, 1760; Sir Robert Smirke, architect, London, 1781; Annie Besant, co-founder of the Theosophical Society. London, 1847; Louis Untermeyer, writer. New York, 1885; Paul Dukas, composer, Paris, 1865; Liaguat Ali Khan, first Prime Minister of Pakistan 1947-51, Karnal, East

Anniversaries

Punjab, India, 1895. DEATHS: Marsilio Ficino. scholar, 1499; Pierre Corneille, poet and dramatist. Paris, 1684; John Blow, composer, London, 1708; Sir Edwin Landseer, painter, London, 1873: Anthony Ashley Cooper, 7th Earl of Shaftesbury, social reformer, Folkestone, 1885; Benjamin Jowett, scholar, Hadley Park, Hampshire, 1893; Gregorio Martinez Sierra, drama-tist, Madrid, 1947; Louis Leakey, archaeologist and anthropologist. London, 1972; Sir Sacheverell Sirwell, writer, 1988.

The News of the World was first published, 1843. St Pancras station, London, opened 1868.

Nigeria became a republic, 1963. The Nuclear Test Ban Treaty signed by Britain, America and Russia, came into operation, 1963.

Luncheons

Lord Mayor The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained at luncheon a Guildhall yesterday Mr Alderman Francis McWilliams, Lord Mayor elect, and Mrs McWilliams, the Court of Aldermen, the Sheriffs, the Chief Commoner and Officers of the Corporation of London and

their escorts. The other guests were the Master of the Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and Mrs Wilkes, Mr and Mrs John Perring, Professor and Mrs Douglas McWilliams, Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs Michael Dicken and Mr Charles Jenkins.

Lord Ezra Lord Ezra, President of the Combustion Engineering Association, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the House of Lords for members of the association. Lord Renwick and Mr Colin Playle were the principal guests.

Dinners

Technology

and Dr D.A. Rees were the

speakers. Among others present

were
Lady Bunerworth. Lord Rennet, Lord
McColl of Dulwich, Lord Perry of
Waiton, Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice
Hoffmann. Sir Patrick Nalme. Sir
Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, Sir Michael
Altyah. Sir Austin Bide, Sir Ronaid
Haistead, Sir John Mason, Professor
Sir Ronaid Oxburgh, Professor Sir
Stanley Pearl. Sir Alastair and Lady
Pikington, Dr Jeremy Bray, MP, Dr L
Iversen, Dr Anne McLaren and Mr
Oscar Rolth.

Service dinner

The Lord Mayor and Lady May-oress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual dinner of the Company of

Pikemen and Musketeers of the

Honourable Artillery Company held last night at Armoury House.

Mr R.L.L. Davis, Captain of the Company of Pikemen and Musteteers, presided. The Lord

Mayor, Ensign A.W. Nicol, and Mrs Mary Grove also spoke. Lieutenant-General Sir Michael

Wilkes. Colonel of the HAC.

administrative studies and fellow

University, Professor David

Lodge, honorary professor, Birmingham University, Ms Usha

Kumari Prashar, Civil Service

commissioner, Professor Andrew

Rutherford, Warden of Gold-

The University of Bristol has conferred the title of emeritus professor on the following upon

Professor M.P. Banton (sociology);

Professor J.R. Clamp (experi-mental medicine); Professor J.M.

(medicine); Professor A.F.C. Ryder

(history); Professor R.J.G. Savage (vertebrate palaeontology); Profes-

sor A.C. Tomlinson (English

smiths' College 1984-92.

Nuffield College, Oxford

HAC

Prime Minister The Prime Minister was host at a dinner held last night at Admiralty House in honour of Mr Poul Schluter, Prime Minister of Denmark. The other guests were:

Mar Life Ellemann-Jensen. Mr Uirik Pederspiel. Mr Joergen Oerstroem-Moeller. Mr Peter Wiese. Mr Adam Wolf. Mr Niels-Joergen Nehring, the Hon Douglas Hurd, MP. Mr Norman Lamont, MP. Mr Tristan Carel-Jones. MP. Mr Michael Jay. Sir Rodric Braithwalte and Mr Stephen Wall. Lord Chancellor The Lord Chancellor, accompa-

nied by Lady Mackay of Clashfern. presided at a dinner held last night at Lancaster House to mark the visit of the Justice Ministers of the European Community. Among those present were:

those present were:
The Italian Ambassador, the Lord Chief Justice and Lady Taylor of Gosforth, the President of the Family Division and Lady Brown, the Amorney General and Lady Lyell, the Solicitor General and Lady Spencer, the Lord Advocate, the Lord President of the Court of Session and Lady Hope, the Solicitor General for Sociand and Miss Dawson, Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland and Lady Hutton, the Chairman of the Bar Council, Lord and Lady Slynn of Hadley, the Senior Vice-President of the Law Society of Northern Ireland, Mr. John Taylor, MP. Mr Michael Jack, MP.

The Ministers of Justice of

The Ministers of Justice of Portugal. Spain. Denmark, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany, the Secretary-General of Greece, the Durch Director-General for European Affairs and Immigration, Mr James H Campbell. Mr Micholas Siewart. QC. and Mrs. Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. campoeil, Mr Nicholas Siewart of and Mrs Stewart and Mr and Mrs Rodger Pannone.

University news Oxford

The university is proposing to confer the degree of doctor of civil law by diploma upon the Sultan of Brunei during his state visit to Britain in November. The proposal will be submitted to the Congregation of Oxford University on October 13.

Mr David Day, senior lecturer in religious education at Durham, is to be the new Principal of St John's College with Cranmer Hall, from January 1 He will succeed Tony Thiselton, principal since 1988.

Goldsmiths' College has conferred honorary fellowships upon the following: Sir Edward Downes, principal conductor, BBC Philmarmonic

Orchestra: Professor A.H. Halsey, emeritus professor of social and

DEATHS

RANSBY - On Septe

Receptions

HM Government Sir Hector Monro, Minister of Sport at the Scottish Office, was host yesterday at a reception held in Edinburgh Castle for partici-pants in the Sotheim Cup. Foundation for Science and Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last Lord Keyes night at the Royal Society. Sir Walter Bodmer. Mr Robin Jacob

Lord and Lady Keyes gave a reception last night at the House of Lords in support of the National Hospital Trust nationwide scanner appeal.

Burma railway plaque

A plaque commemorating the A plaque commenorating me building of the Burma-Siam rail-way during the second world war and the bridge over the Kwai will be presented to the Imperial War Museum at Duxford, Cambridge-shire, tomorrow, the 50th anniversary of the start of construction in 1942

Mr Richard Smith, Australian High Commissioner, will hand over the 70kg bronze, which is a replica of the one erected at the river Kwai. The plaque is in memory of the 10,000 captured British, Australian and Dutch servicemen who died.

Council for National Academic Awards

The Princess Royal, President of the Council for National Academic Awards, will confer honorary doc torates upon the following on October 9:

Mr John Bevan, Baroness Cox, Mr John Hall, Professor Paul Hirst. Professor Douglas Madellan, Sir Bryan Nicholson, Dr Vasso Papandreou, Professor Peter Scott, Mr John Stoddart, Professor Peter Toyne.

Lord Finsberg Lord Finsberg, MBE, JP, is to be

Deputy Chairman of the Commission for the New Towns. Lee (politics): Professor R.D.
Milne (engineering mathematics);
Professor R.H. Ottewell (physical chemistry); Professor A.E. Read Glaziers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Glaziers' Company for the ensuing year. Master, Mr S.M. Lever, Upper Warden, Mr N. Burston; Renter Warden, Mr J.B.R. Vartan.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.R. All and Miss S.E. Orm

The engagement is announced between Ranjan, soo, of Mr and Mrs Richard Ahrwihare, of 46 Ashburnham Mansions: Chelsea, and Shautagh, daugher of Mr Charles Orme and the late Mrs Lelia Orme, of East Boreston, Halwell, Tomes, Devon.

Mr R.W. Arden and Miss SJ. Coulson

The engagement is amounced between Richard, son of the late Mr and Mrs W. Arden, of Lincoln, and Stella, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.B. Coolson, of Chelmsford,

Mr T. Dolder and Miss S.H. Joyce

The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs John Dolder, of Warlingham, Surrey, and Sarah Helen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Joyce, of Kenley, Surrey.

Mr R.H. FazGerald and Miss S.H. Moloncy

The engagement is amounced between Robert Flugh, elder son of Or Richard and the late Shirley FizzGerald, of the of Sheppey, Kern, and Sara Hölene, dengther of Mr. Paddy and Mrs. Ellen Moloney, of Kingston mon Thames, Surrey.

Mr A.M. Godin and Miss L.C. Booloux

The engagement is announced between Anthony, youngest son of Mr and Mrs R.M. Godin, of Dewlands Manor, Rotherfield. East Sussex, and Ingde, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs P.R. Bouloux, of Medan, Prance.

Mr P.N. Hopkins and Miss B. Mason

The engagement is announced between Philip, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Hopkins, of Oxted, Surrey, and Barbara, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Mason, of Blackrock, Cork, freland.

Mr M.A. Le Grice and Miss J.J. Saunders

The engagement is announced between Marcus, son of Dr H. Le Grice and Mrs A. Ashley-Wilson, of Auckland, New Zealand, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Saunders, of London. ... Mr T.A. Mallett

and Miss N.M. Hargreaves

The engagement is announced between Tim, younger son of Mr and Mrs F.A. Mailen, of Lurley Manor, Tiverton, Devon, and Nikki, elder daughter of Mr T.H. Hargreaves of Harpenden. Herdordshire, and Mrs P.M. Hargreaves, of Chichester, West

MrG Nobile and Miss C.M. Kenyon

The engagement is announced between Guseppe (Pino), eldest son of Mr and Mrs C. Nobile, of Bradford, West Yorkshire, and Caroline, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard M.B. Kenyon, of Four Winds, Dalehouse Lane, Kenilworth, Warwickshire.

Latest wills Sir Ernest John Ward Barnes, of

Miss Irene Scouloudi, of Hornsey.

Finchsmpstead, Berkshire, left es-tate valued at £1,048,714 net. She left much of her estate to her trustees to distribute for charitable DOTOOSES",

Mr Frederick Leslie Dawson, of

and Miss M.A. Ridgway The engagement is announced between Antoine Benjamin, youngest son of Prof E. and Dr M. Papiernik-Berkhauer, of Sceanx, France, and Madeleine Ann. reame, and Madelene Ann, second daughter of Mr M.J. Ridgway of Hampstead, London and Mrs F.M.R. Ridgway, of Wanstead, London.

Dr A.S.C. Rice and Miss K.A. Darvell

The engagement is announced between Andrew elder son of Mr netween Aranew, coor son or Mr Noel Rice and the late Mrs Rice, of Heronsgate, and Rathryn, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs R.G. Darvell, of Chesham Bois.

Mr R.J. Slamoo and Miss M.K. Caldwell the engagement is amounted between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Slimmon, of Weybridge, Surrey, and Melanie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Dennis Caldwell, of Netherfield, East Sussex.

Mr P.J.A. Stear and Miss Z.C. Jones The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs John Stear, of Cambridge, and Zoe, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Royden Jones, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Marriages

Mr P.O. Bandilla and Miss K.R.E. Hughes The marriage took place on Sat-urday, September 26, 1992, at St Mary's Church, Furneaux Pelham, of Mr Philipp Bandilla, son of Dr Peter and Dr Brigitte Bandilla, of Wesel, Germany, to Miss Katie Hughes, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Hughes, of Rotten Row, Furneaux Pelham. The Rev Robert Nokes

officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss Polly Hughes, Miss Isi Bandilla, Nicola Hobbouse, Alice Hughes and Master Alasdair Sladen. Mr Beni Victor was best

A reception was held at the home of the bride, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad. Mr D.R. Nicoll and Mrs M.C. Sanson

The marriage of Douglas Nicoli, of Hollybush, Herefordshire, to Cathryn Sansom, of Purley, Surrey, took place quietly in Malvern on Monday, September

Mr S.A.F. Pugsley and Miss R.F. Ellion

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, September 26, in the Cha-pel of King Henry VII. Westminster Abbey, of Mr Simon Pugsley, eldest son of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs John Pugsley, of Plympton St Maurice, Devon, to Miss Rosalind Elliott, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Elliott, of Brussels, Belgium. The Rev Paul Ferguson, Precentor of Westminster Abbey, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Kirsten and Lauren Carney, Coral-Lyne Clarke, and Robina and Laura Longworth. Mr A reception was held at

The Travellers' Club.

Plitwick, Bedfordshire, left estate valued at £1,291,118 net. He left

Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex, ambassador, left estate valued at £740,289 net.

north London; secretary of the Huguenot Society, left estate valued at £1,393,107 net. Edith Mary McDonagh.

Mr Thomas Edwin Williams, of Stubbington, Hampshire, left es-tage valued at £2,530,213 net.

much of his estate to various charities, including the Bedford-shire Cheshire Home at Ampthill. the Sue Ryder Foundation and the National Society for Cancer Relief. Mr Arthur Emanuel Bryant, of Penn, West Midlands, manufac-turer, left estate valued at £241.370 net. He left personal legacies totalling £30,000, £10,000 to the Compton Hospice, Wolverhamp-ton, £5,000 each to the Royal Hospital, Wolverhampton, and the Imperial Cancer Research Fund and the residue to the Cheshire Home at Penn. Mr Keith John Sholto Douglas-Mann, of Hassocks, East Sussex, leff estate valued at £1,505,853

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HAMILTON-CURRAN - On September 26th at Omagh Hospital, to Attracta and Raymond, a daughter. HORSNELL - On September 22nd at Colchester Maternity Hospital, to Michael and Linda. a handsome con. William, brother to Richard. Charlotte and Harriet. INDGE - On September 29th 1992, to Avril unde Hammill) and Richard, a daughter. Natalie Louise Blair. JOHNSTON - On September 29th, to Gillian (ofe Hodgkinson) and Malcolm, a son, James, a brother for William

MAGLE - On September 29th 1992 to Sonja and Michael, a daughter. Katharine Deaner.

PELHAM - On September 29th 1992, to Clare and Charles, a son. Henry Cyril.

LLER - On September 19th 92, to Angela (née Cooper) d John. a son, Dominic ha Cooper, RDE-ALDAM fADA - On September Th at the Humana Hospital ellington, to Shinji and sa, a daughter, Chiaki i – On September 5th, to unite (née Lackey) and ed, a daughter. Alexandra arriel Kar-Yan. a sister to ebecca and Emily. IDEL – On September ith, to Sue (née Hodgson) d Marc. a daughter, Polly Ivia Anne, a sister for ATHS BRINTON - On September 30th, Gladov, beloved wife of the late Wifred Brinton of Cape Province. South Africa and sister of the late Lady (Bubbles) Upjohn. Peacefully in her 91st year. Funeral in Colchester on Monday October 5th at 12.30 pm. Flowers, or denations by cheque to the Macmillan Nurses C/o W.H. Shephard Ltd. 93 High St., Colchester, Essex (0206) 572306.

DEATHS GAIRDNER - On September 29th, Nancy Gairdner, very quiedly at home. Daughters informally 'at home', in Cambridge. October 3rd, 3-30 pm. LEECH - On September 28th, suddenly of a heart attack. John, aged 66, beloved husband of Jenifer and steplather or Richard Haselgrove. Emeritus Professor of Computing Science at Stirting University. He left his body for medical use and by his wish there will be no funeral or memorial meeting. BROWN - On September 30th. Dr. Kenneth John Brown aged 64 years, peicefully at home after a long fight against cancer. home with great courage and dignity. Beloved husband of Margaret. Service at the Randalle Park Crenatorium. Leatherhead. on Monday October 5th at 11 am. Family Bowers only donations if desired to: Princess Alice Hospice c/o W.A. Truelove & Son. 118 Carshalton Road. Sutton. tel: (081) 642-8211. MC GOUN - On Tuesday Sep-tember 29th 1992. Gertrude Alice Coacie nee Beamish; beloved wife of the late Colonel Archibald MC Goun, loving mother and grand-mother. Funeral Sarvice at 3sm Thursday October 1st at Holy Trinity Church Schuli followed by committal in Schull Crayevard.

CARDEW - On September 28th 1992, peacefully at home, Peter Gordon, aged 91, husband of the late Pleasaunce, much loved by his daughters Anne, Jill and Vanessa and his eight grandchildren. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving at Holy Trinity Church, Cleeve, at 3 pm on Monday October 5th No flowers but donations if desired to the National Listening Library, 12 Lance Street, London SE1 1QH. MARQUIS - On September 26th 1992, sudderly in London, Rev. John Marquis. Group Caplain ureful. Chapitain to the Royal Air Force from June 1942 to July 1971. Requiem Mass on Monday October 5th at 12.30 cm at the Church of the Holy Family. R.A.F. Hallom, near Aylesbury. Bucks, by kind permission of the Station Commander. Group Captain R. Brumphon. Requiem Mass on Tuesday October 6th at the Church of the Sacred Heart. Liverpool Road. Alasdale. Southport at 12 noon, followed by burial in the Sacred Heart. Cornetery. No flowers please by request, but. If desired. donations to the Society of St. Peter for Native Clergy. 23 Ecclesion Square. London SWIV INU. Enquiries to A. France & Son Ltd. tel: 60711 495-4901.

MOULD - On September 29th 1992. Dorsa Dalay. suddenly at home after a short illness. Much loved wife of John and Cathryn and grandmother of Tricia. Peter and Nikid. Family flowers only, donations if feather of John and Cathryn and grandmother of Tricia. Peter and Nikid. Family flowers only, donations if feather of John and Cathryn and grandmother of Tricia. Peter and Nikid. Family flowers only, donations if Foundation. 14 Fitzhardinge Street. London With 40H. Funeral at Broxbourne Parts Church at 11.45 am. Wednesday October 7th. followed by cremation at Parndon.

PHILLIPS - On September 29th. Suddenly in Winchester Edystan O. aped 82. much loved father of Christopter and Anne and a dearty loved grandfather. Formerly a Master at Cranlets School. Funeral Service at The Chapet of St. Cross. Winchester. On Tuesday October 6th at 12 hoon. Flowers to June Steel & Son Ltd.. Chesii House, Winchester. FARRANT - On September 28th 1992. peacefully. Bridget Margaret, aged 68, dearty loved sister of Susannah and Mark and sister-lo-law of Elaine. Private l'amily cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at St. Mary Abbott's Church. Kensington. on Tuesday October 13th at 2 pm. Donations if wished to St. Mary Abbott's Church. Send c/o J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marioes Road, London WB 6LA.

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PRICE - On September 29th.
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6th at 2 pm.

RANSBY - On September 26th. Peter Foreman. at Bedford General Hospital. aged 75. husband and best friend of Alida. Enquiries to Arnold Funeral Directors. tel: (0234) 389529. igi: (0234) 389529.

STEEDS - On September 29th 1992. (Michaelmass). Aged 86, peacefully at home with his family. George Reginald. very much loved and respected husband of Marny. father of Michael. Dena and great-grandfather of 10 and great-grandfather of 10 and great-grandfather of 16 children. Funeral and Requiem Mass on Saturday Cotober 10th at 11 am at the Parish Church of St Marry the Virgin. Ashwell. Faintly flowers only by request. Donations if desired towards the Refurbishment Fund of Ashwell Parish Church. All enquiries and donations to E.H. Crouch, 23A Hitchin Street, Baldock, Herts. 907 6AQ, let: (0462) 893191.

STIFF - On September 25th 1992, peacefully at home in Swanage, M.M. Shella aged 80 years. Funeral Service at St. Nicholas Church. Shudland. on Monday October 5th at 10.45 am. Family Rovers only please but donations for the Star St. Nicholas Church. Shudland. On Monday October 5th at 10.45 am. Family Rovers only please but donations for the Star St. Nicholas Church. Shudland. Swanage. Dorset. let: (0729) 422448.

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MEWMAN - A Memorial Service for Graham Reginald Newman will be beld on Tuesday 6th October at 2.30pm at St Katharine Cree Church, Leedenhall Street IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE SANSOM - On October 1st 1968, Irene. On this day and every day remembered with love by Pal. Irene. Mem. family and friends. LEGAL NOTICES TOWER BREDGE ANTIQUE
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P. LOMAS, Liquidator.

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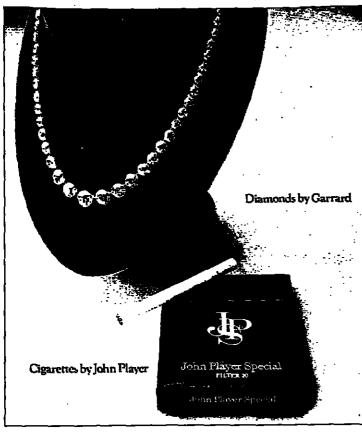
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GEOFFREY KENT



Geoffrey Charles Kent, chairman of Mansfield Brewery and former chairman and chief executive of Imperial Group. died on September 23 aged 70. He was born on February 2.

GEOFFREY Kent did much to make smoking cigarettes fashionable in the

1950s and 1960s and later brought about radical changes in brewery advertising. Essentially an advertising man, he rose to be head of Imperial Group in the 1980s, when it owned the Player, Embassy and Wills cigarette brands as well as the Courage brewery. Sadiy, he also inherited a disastrous acquisition of Howard Johnson, the chain of Amer-



Appealing to the woman smoker: Geoffrey Kent and one of his most successful creations

ican roadside restaurants and an unsuccessful poultry operation. Those problems led to Imperial being taken over by Hanson in 1986. But three years later Kent became chairman of Mansfield Brewery and there reproduced his marketing tal-

ents on a regional stage.

Kent, an only child, was brought up in Lancashire and attended Blackpool Grammar School. Any thoughts of further education were stifled by the second world war, during which he served in the RAF and became a flight lieutenant in

of flying culminating in a solo crossing of the Atlantic.

After the war he joined Coleman, Prentice and Varley, then one of London's foremost advertising agencies. He later moved on to another agency, Johnson & Johnson, before being headhunted to be the marketing manager for Player in 1958, after restrictions on cigarette importation and promotion were lifted. That development heralded an explosion of competition among cigarette manufacturers, who lost no time in taking advantage of the relatively new medium of television advertising.

Kent was responsible for the longrunning slogan, "People Love Players" and invented several of the more popular brands. One was Player's No 6, a small tipped cigarette which women smokers liked. It became the biggest-selling brand, with over 25 per cent of the market at one time. But Kent may be better remembered for creating the John Player Special-brand of cigarettes, with its distinctive black pack and equally distinctive motor racing sponsorship.

JPS sponsored Lotus in the Formula One championship from 1968 to 1985, winning the World Constructors' Championship on five occasions and the World Drivers' Championship four times with such drivers as Jim Clark, Emerson Fittipaldi and Mario Andretti. Kent was a passionate follower of the sport, and could often be found in the pits, stopwatch in hand.

Beer marketing had been as stilted and male-oriented as cigarette advertising until Kent took charge at Courage. Again he revolutionised attitudes with his "Cockney Pub"

Coastal Command. His wartime campaign, using grainy black and experience gave him his lifelong love white film and the catchphrase "gerneha".

From 1981 to 1986 Kent was chairman and chief executive of Imperial Group. But he did not readily adapt to the financial and entrepreneurial skills required at that level. His career was prematurely interrupted in 1986 when Imperial was taken over by Hanson after a bitter struggle which overturned plans for imperial to merge with United Biscuits.

Disillusioned, he spent two years unattached to a company before Mansfield Brewery asked him to join the board. The following year he became chairman, and applied his marketing talents to developing two new brands, Cask Riding and Cask Old Baily.

However, Kent also handed downthe lesson he learned at Imperial. Mansfield's many diversifications, extending to soft drinks, fast food and carpet cleaning, were sold in a strategy based on a return to the company's beer roots.

As well as flying and motor racing. Kent was a keen skier. But it was no coincidence that these are all individual rather than team sports. He was regarded as a loner who could be rather distant. He did not build personal relationships easily, retreating at Imperial into what he called strategic management. This involved laying down guidelines and letting executives implement them with little further day-to-day involvement.

Kent kept his business and private lives separate. He lived quietly for 30 years in Gonalston, near Player's Nottingham headquarters, where he is survived by his widow. Brenda. They had no children.

APPRECIATIONS

Mervyn Johns

IT WAS with a curious fascination that I and other American colleagues read your obituary (September 11) of Mervyn Johns, in large part because your item revealed how different our perspectives may be in several respects. .

Despite his illustrious acting career and fatherhood of wellknown actress Glynis, it may interest you that - at least in New York - he is perhaps most renowed for his role of Bob Cratchit as a co-player with Alastair Sim as Scrooge in the 1951 film version of A Christmas Carol.

This was not mentioned in your obituary. Nevertheless, two generations of urban and suburban Americans have been treated faithfully to this movie via television for possibly more than 25 years worth of the Yuletide seasons - often as late night vigil before or after midnight Christmas services. While not entirely true to

the Dickens original, the film has achieved somewhat of a "cult" reputation here.

Frank Barbetta

HAVING taken a sabbatical from practice during my year of office. I was very sad to see your obituary of my old friend and patient, Mervyn Johns Having first met him in 1976 and having arranged his admission to Denville Hall, it was my privilege to look after him for many years and with each professional visit I was given a "complete

performance". As well as his undoubted ranking in the top echelon of actors, he was indeed a perfect gentleman and, it should be mentioned, his enthusiasm for the oval ball and lack of same for the dentistry which he did not practise, all added to the

Cyril Nemeth



Mervyn Johns, left, with Alastair Sim as Scrooge

HU QIAOMU

Hu Qiaomu, veteran Chinese Marxist theorist. died in Peking on September 28 aged 81. He was born in Jiangsu province in 1912.

HU QIAOMU was instrumental in the intellectual legitimation of Mao Tse-tung in world Marxist circles in the 1940s. After Mao's death, he performed a similar service for Deng Xiaoping by composing reasoned expositions of the need for policy reforms.

Hu was one of the so-called White Area group Communists, who worked in Shanghai and other capitalist cities of China in the 1930s instead of pursuing the remartic guerrilla campaigns of Mao in the countryside. No love was lost between these two groups which converged in 1945 to form the Communist Chinese leadership, and later China's government.

Mao was a peasant, Hu the son of a wealthy landowner. Hu knew how to polish and present new ideas, and served as Mao's confidential secretary in the crucial final years of the civil war against the Kuomintang. The famous resolution on party history which accompanied Mao's triumph at the Communist party's seventh congress in 1945 was drafted by Hu. It gave full ideological and historical underpinning to Mao's successful leadership. Hu's reward was to be made head of the New China News Agency. a member of the central committee and deputy director of propaganda.

But then Hu fell foul of Mao's dique in the cultural revolution of 1966, being denounced as a follower of Mao's rival Liu Shaoqi. He



resurfaced in the late 1970s as a supporter of Deng Xiaoping and took a leading role in the indictment of Hua Guofeng. the interim leader who succeeded Mao in 1976. Hu's major article published in the People's Daily, "on the practice of Communist ideology. provided the intellectual groundwork for the charge that Hua had stepped out of

line ideologically.

Along with Hu Yaobang. Hu Qiaomu now appeared to be one of Deng Xiaoping's most trusted assistants during the period immediately before and after Mao's death, when the left-wing Gang of Four-had to be dealt with Leftistsupporters of Mao publicly condemned the two Hu's in-Democracy Wall posters in 1979 for their revisionistic criticism of the cultural revolu-

tion of the 1960s. Hu had provided Deng with a masterly rewriting of party policy in 1978, freely quoting Lenin on the need for personal incentive in the economy, with individual responsibility accompanying collective discussion. This text, hailed by China watchers as a landmark in the history of Chinese socialism, conceded for the first time that socialism would not necessarily create better productivity growth than

But Hu's innate conservatism could not stomach the extent of the economic reforms which Deng introduced in the 1980s. He became a leader in the campaign against spiritual pollution and aligned himself with other White Area senior narty leaders in resisting the extension of reforms to politics, or the diminuition of party power, which his erstwhile ally Hu Yaobang had advocated. After the army crackdown in Tiananmen Square in 1989 he became a leading advocate for a return to Communist ideological or-

thodoxy in political values. At his death there were few Chinese to mourn him. But there are not many Communist functionaries in China or elsewhere who have raised up one hero (Mao) only to cast him down, and then sought to do the same with another (Deng). He is the fourth major conservative figure in the Chinese leadership to die this year, bringing nearer the change in Peking's political

Maurice Burton, zoologist and populariser of natural history, died at his home in Surrey on September 9 aged 94. He was born in Hornsey,

North London, on March 28, 1898.

MAURICE Burton was one of the pioneers of the popularisation of natural history and gave pleasure and instruction to thousands over a long career. He originally intended to become a historian but a chance event stimulated an interest in natural history that was to become his profession and lifelong passion. While serving as a gunner in the Royal Garrison Artillery in the first world war he became captivated by the activities of ants living

on the parapet of his trench. On his return home six weeks after the Armistice, he applied to study zoology at King's College, London. The dean was not enthusiastic about the prospects of a career in zoology. However, Burton sought the advice of the professor, Arthur Dandy. "The up and coming subject," came the reply. Maurice Burton's career shows that Dandy was right. He helped turn zoology from the domain of a few academics and eccentric amateurs to a respectable subject of global significance that now attracts an army of followers.

Under the influence of Dandy, Burton chose sponges as a special subject for his degree. After a short spell as a schoolmaster he joined the staff of the Natural History Museum, South Kensington, as assistant keeper in charge of sponges. Between 1925 and 1958 when he retired as deputy keeper, he published over 70 scientific works on this obscure group of animals.

Early in his career Burton decided to avoid the trap of narrow specialisation. His working days were spent peering down the microscope at preserved specimens of sponges, so he took up field natural history as a pastime. This became a paying hobby when he began writing occasional articles for newspapers and in

Paul Tully, political director of the US

Democratic National

Committee and a leading

in this year's presidential

election campaign, died of presumed heart failure in

Little Rock, Arkansas, on

September 24, aged 48.

He was born in New York

City.

GOVERNOR Bill Clinton's

campaign for the United

States presidency will be inev-

itably weakened by the sudden

death of Paul Tully, whose

body was found by a maid in

his hotel bedroom. Tully, a

political veteran who had

chind-the-scenes figure

1927 he started to write Selborne Notes

MAURICE BURTON

in the West Sussex Gazette for a penny a After the second world war, faced as he

was with a growing family, his writing developed into a second career. From 1946 to 1964 he wrote regularly for The Illustrated London News and from 1949 to 1989 he supplied the weekly Nature



Note for The Daily Telegraph. He also contributed to many other newspapers and magazines and wrote some 70 books. He was a frequent lecturer and a participant in radio programmes. Although initially involved with the conservation movement that started after the war, he decided that his objective should be to make the public interested in

PAUL TULLY

animals. They would then more readily support the conservationists' pleas for their protection.

The special appeal of Burton's writing lay in his immense curiosity and acute observations of everyday animal life, coupled with his ability to explain their significance in terms that caught and held the attention of lay people, yet were often sufficiently original to interest professional zoologists. He was also fascinated by animal legends and mysteries and he became absorbed by the Loch Ness Monster. He decided to reassess the evidence with the objectivity of a zoologist. He re-examined reports of sightings instead of accepting them at face value and conducted experiments into the accuracy of eye-witness testimony. The result was a reinterpretation of many classic monster sightings and a conclusion that there was no such animal. Experts on the "Surrey Puma" in the 1960s were treated to the same sceptical and objective analysis.

On retiring from the Natural History Museum, Burton formed a partnership with his daughter Jane, a wildlife photographer, and younger son, Robert, who also became a writer. Their garden became a sanctuary for hundreds of animals — usually injured or abandoned youngsters. They enabled him to study in detail the family life of foxes, the talking ability of parrots and the unexplained phenomena of anting in birds and selfanounting in hedgehogs. In the last 20 years of his life, Burton

returned to his original interest in history, founding a village history society and channelling his still abundant energy into recording, researching and preserving the neighbourhood's past. One of his notable achievements was to raise funds and restore a Tudor pigeon house, a project which won a Civic Trust award.

In 1929, he married Margaret Maclean who died in 1990. He is survived by one daughter and two sons.

that the 1988 election was

winnable for the Democrats.

Bush's popularity was at its

height after the Gulf War in

1991 he continued to argue

that a new Democratic major-ity was emerging in the US.

He made a tireless round of

party gatherings to press his

case, arguing against analysts who insisted that the 1992

election would centre on for-

eign policy and the ability to serve as commander-in-chief.

Accurately, as it turned out.

Tully declared: "This is about

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Gerald Hanley

YOUR sympathetic obituary (September 23) of the Irish novelist, Gerald Hanley, states that his first book, Monsoon Victory (1946), "tells the story of the 14th Division in Burma" and its march down the "Khaban Valley." It tells, in fact, the story of the 11th East African Division, which was part of the Fourteenth Army. and its campaign in the Kabaw Valley — which Han-ley always spelled "Khabaw" Valley. Your "account" of his book

implies that it has been neglected. However, those of us who served in this monsoon campaign have treasured it for almost half a century; and it is worth noting that it was twice republished as a paperback.

Monsoon Victory, indeed, could be considered as one of the two classic works of nonfiction, which Gerald Hanley wrote about Africans. The other was Warriors and Strangers (1971) which you rightly praise and recommend for reprinting. It was republished as a paperback in 1987; but, with the ordeal of Somalia thrusting itself upon us from

every television screen, this sensitive book, much of which deals with Somali problems, cries out for another reprint.

It is surely given to few novelists. Irish-born or otherwise, to write not only a classical novel on Africa, The Consul at Sunset (1951) which, as you say, Hanley "never bettered", but also two classical works of non-fiction about the inhabitants of that continent.

George Shepperson Professor Emeritus



ON THIS DAY

1910

The author of this article was E.B. Osborn, a prolific writer on sport, including boxing and chess, but also a classical on Socrates and became

hiterary editor of the Morning Post. He was succeeded in 1913 on The Times by Owen O who became the paper's first accredited rugby

RUGBY FOOTBALL By a Correspondent

For once in a long while we have been enjoying the huxury of a "St Martin's summer"; and many of us were more inclined last Sat-urday to be sorry that cricket was over than to be glad that the Rugby football season had

Enough rain to take the bone out of the ground and a touch of frostiness in the air are required to bring out the finer points of the Rugby game. Until these conditions are fulfilled, we have to be content with the fast, scrambling struggles seen last Saturday, which, though they provide the opportunists with the opportunities he requires and give the average spectator a chance of indulging in heroworship, do not throw much light on the general merits and dements of a team and, more particularly, leave us very much in the dark as to the capacity of the pack for hard honest work in

More often than not, these September matches (the late G.C. Lindsay described one of them years ago as "a silly stampede more like prisoner's base than football") serve only to darken counsel; and there are other reasons for regretting that the opening of the season is no longer postponed to October. Here is the least obvious of the argument: against entering on a programme of serious marries prematurely. Of late years, there has been an epidemic of sprains and strains during the first few

the scrummage.

cases, especially where the knee, that hard-worked joint, has been affected the cure has been in-complete - often, though not always, because a long enough rest was not taken. In several instances most promising play-ers have not attained the highest honours because they were constantly becoming "crocked" as the result of an injury early in the If the period of preparation and practice were extended, the

weeks of the season; and in many

risk of an early break-down would be reduced and it would not be necessary to deplore the temporary retirement owing to injuries of a number of "probable" and "possibles" when the season is at its height and the English trial matches are

beginning.

As regards the alterations of the rules suggested by Australia and New Zealand, nothing can be done to meet their wishes until they are directly repre-sented on the International Board, a form of representation to which all the Rugby-playing Dominions are clearly entitled There is much to be said in favour of their suggestions, and the Rugby Union Committee has wisely given permission of an experimental trial thereof. A five yards restriction at the

line-out would prevent bunching on the touch-line without handicapping a side on the defence to any appreciable extent. Dividing the game into four periods in order to equalise the distribution of weather also seems an unobjectionable change. The abolition of the necessity of making a mark in the case of a fair catch is a more doubtful reform. How otherwise is a player to explain his in-

The fourth Colonial suggestion, that the referee should put the ball into the scrummage, is worthy of discussion. Among sportsmen no such rule is necessary. But where half-backs are given to sharp practice (it is, alas, given assembly practice (it is, aims, a frequent (aims) there would be a great saving of time and of the breath that takes the form of excusable expostulations.

Latest appointments include: Dr Conrad Swan, York Herald and Registrar of the College of Arms, to be Garter Principal King of Arms, on the retirement of Sir Colin Cole.

Appointments

Mr Hubert Chessbyre, Chester Herald and Secretary of the Order of the Garter, to be Registrar of the College of Arms. Mr Raman Subba Row to be a

member of the Broadcasting Complaints Commission. Legal Mr Peter Richard Rogers to be a Taxing Master of the Supreme

Court

Mr Paul Christopher Tain to be a Provincial Stipendiary Magistrate for the East and West Sussex commission areas, based at Brighton, from October 12. Mr John Price to be Junior of the

John Edwards to be Assistant

Carey loses his right-hand man

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the key jobs in the Church of England is to become vacant after the selection of the Archbishop of Canterbury's chaplain, Canon Graham James, to be Bishop of St Germans, diocese of Truro.

The name of Canon James, who was appointed chaplain to Lord Runcie in 1987 and staved on as chaplain to Dr George Carey, is little known outside the church but, as the man who bears the primatial cross at all big functions, he has appeared on television and in newspaper photographs almost as often as the two senior eleries. Canon James preceded Dr terbury Cathedral during his enthronement last year, and was in attendance on Lord Runcie for state occasions and services during the late 1980s.

One former member of staff at Lambeth said: "The chaplain has to be a combination of private secretary, buck-stopshere man, diplomat, valet and keeper of the diary. At Lambeth, he also has to have a theological head, because almost nothing comes across the archbishop's desk which does not have theological implications."

In contrast to the archbish-

op, an evangelical, Canon

James is a moderately liberal

catholic who trained for the

ministry at Cuddesden theo-

logical college. A former col-league described him as an exemplary chaplain. Canon James will have been instrumental in ministering to the archbishop and helping him to emerge smiling from his

worked in every presidential election since 1968, was gen-erally acknowledged to be one

of his party's best strategists

and most impassioned prof-

Democratic presidential politics," said James Carville, se-

nior strategist for the Clinton

campaign. "He had worked

for four years on this - he had

every map, every target, he probably knew the name of every swing voter in the

For all his expertise, however

er. Tully seemed to have a

knack for picking candidates

destined for failure. He

worked for Senator Edward

country.

This guy's whole life was

difficult first year. He has helped Dr Carey research and produce his speeches, has travelled overseas with him, has had responsibility in his relationships with other faiths and is secretary to the archbishop's theological advisers.

The present Bishop of St Germans, the Right Rev Richard Llewellin, is to become Bishop of Dover. Canon. James spent his childhood in Devon and Comwall

Birthdays today Miss Julie Andrews, actress and

Kennedy in 1980, for Walter

Mondale in 1984 and for

In 1988 he was briefly a top

aide to Michael Dukakis, but

resigned from that post along

with the campaign manager, John Sasso, after Sasso admit-ted leaking a videotape show-

ing that one of Dukakis's

opponents, Senator Joseph Bi-

den, had plagiarised a speech by Neil Kinnock. The disclo-

sure beloed to ruin Biden's

campaign, and was apparent-

ly regarded by Dukakis as an

unworthy tactic; a view not

shared by Tully, who was

known for his fierce partisan-

ship and love of the game. Tully had been convinced

Senator Gary Hart in 1987.

singer, 57: Admiral of the Fleet Six Varyl Begg, 84; Mr Moran Caplat former general administrator. Glyndebourne Festival Opera, 76: Mr Jimmy Carter, former American president, 68; Mr R. de C. Chapman, headmaster, Maivern College, 56; Cardinal Cahal Daly Archbishop of Armagh, 75; Mr Sandy Gall, broadcaster, 65; Mr Richard Hambro, chairman, Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund. 46: Professor Sir Stuart Hampshire, former warden. Wadham College, Oxford, 78; Mr Richard Harris, actor, 59: Major D.A. Jamieson, VC. 72: Mr Walter Matthau, actor, 72; Mr Peter Nobes, chief constable, West Yorkshire, 57; Dame Kathleen Ollerenshaw, educationist, 80; Professor John Reid, clinical pharmacologist, 49; Professor Sir Roland Smith, former chairman, British Aerospace 64: Sir Robert Telford, life presi

dent, The Marconi Company, 77; Miss Jean Thomas, blochemist.

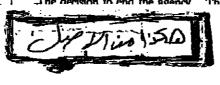
Today's royal engagements

fear on the block."

The Princess of Wales will receive the 1992 Marshall scholars at Kensington Palace at 1 i.00; and. as Patron of the International Spinal Research Trust, will attend reception at Willis Carroon, Ten Trinity Square, EC3, at 6.45.

Princess Margaret, as President of the Girl Guides Association, will give a reception at Kensington Palace for Queen's Guides at 5.00. The Duchess of Gloucester will open the Village Community Centre at Colden Common, near Winchester, at 1.40; will open the school hall at Horndean Community School at 2.50; and will open the Co-operative Housing Scheme at Buriton at 3.40.

The Duchess of Kent will visit Thomas Edward Mitton House, Newport Pagnell, Buckingham-shire, at 11.30; will open the 2nd ase of Milton Keynes hospital at 12.15; and will open a pre-school playgroup centre at Olney at 3.30.



Air crash 'peep-show' provokes outrage

Continued from page I have been working behind the scenes to prepare for the arrival of the relatives but a cultural divide has led to accusations that the Nepalese have been uncaring by allow-ing hundreds of people to queue and stare at the badly burnt remains of the 167

people who died. In Nepal one British embas-sy official, who did not want to be identified, said the manner in which fragments had been laid out on black plastic sheets in a tent at the airport was beyond belief. There is a grotesque neep-show in there. They are allowing anyone to go in and look at the bodies." the official said. "A thousand people are queving to see. How can all of them be relatives? No one is checking." he added.

Pakistan International Air lines has hired Kenyon Emergency Services, a British firm of undertakers, to oversee the identification and repatriation of the remains. But so far advice from the company appears to have been ignored.

Phillip Lewis, an executive director from KES, has told Sher Bahadur Deupa, the Nepalese home minister, that the bodies should be taken to a mortuary as quickly as pos-sible. However, the minister said he had to consider requests from other relatives who want to see the remains.

We don't want to put the bodies on display but at the same time we have to recognise the feelings of the families. Until they see the dead bodies they are not satisfied." Mr Deupa said. A group of relatives from Pakistan have already complained about some bodies being removed as seeing the remains is regarded as an important part of the

grieving process.

Mr Lewis said: "The methods we are using are extremely scientific, extremely precise. It would serve no good at all for the relative to visually identify the bodies. We would prefer that the remains were stored and not disturbed further until we have had a chance to

examine them." Nepalese rescue workers said they were intensifying the hunt for the crucial "black box" flight recorder, which monitors details of the aircraft's flight. The recorder had mistakenly been reported Tuesday. The cockpit voice recorder, which monitors comments by the aircraft crew. was found on Tuesday.



Today's team, taking it from the top: Anne Nightingale, Alan Freeman, Dianne Oxberry, Pete Tong, Nicky Campbell, Bob Harris, Johnny Beerling (Radio 1 controller), Neale James, Paul Gambaccini, Simon Mayo and Alan Robb. Bottom row: Steve Wright, Dave Lee Travis, Adrian Juste, Jakki Brambles, Rod McKenzie, Lynn Parsons, Gary Davies, Tommy Vance, Man Ezeke, Nicky Horne, Sybil Ruscoe, Bruno Brookes, Mark Goodier and John Peel

DJs mark 25 years of Radio 1

RADIO 1 celebrated its 25th anniversary yesterday with messages of congratulations from the prime minister and the Archbishop of Canterbury (Adam Fresco write).

John Major's taped message was an optimistic one. "Radio 1, 25 years, well many congratulations. Perhaps I can come back when you're 50, or even before," he said. The Right Rev George Carey praised the station for its "warmth and vitality".

Radio I was launched in 1967. choosing the best disc jockeys from the illegal pirate stations. John Peel and Alan Freeman are the only survivors from the original line-up, although Freeman was absent for the 1967 photograph.

Last night the record industry hosted a party for Radio 1



The original line up: Tony Blackburn, Jimmy Young, Kenny Everett, Duncan Johnson, Robin Scott, David Rider, Dave Cash, Pete Brady and David Symonds. Second row: Bob Holness, Terry Wogan, Barry Alldis, Mike Lennox, Keith Skues, Chris Denning, Johnny Moran and Pete Myers. Bottom row: Pete Murray, Ed

Cabinet battle lines drawn over go-it-alone EFA project

Continued from page one "inconceivable" that Britain could

build EFA on its own. As part of the contingency studies at British Aerospace, officials believe it would be impractical to bring all the

production facilities from Germany.

Italy and Spain to Britain. One option

would be to sub-contract the foreign companies involved to carry on the

production work. Mr Rifkind's determination to press th EFA if appears to be shared by Gillian Shephard, employment secretary, who is anxious over the loss of jobs if the project is abandoned, and Michael

Heseltine, industry secretary, for simi-studies examining cost reductions and Seville to discuss the state of the the crucial decisions on the plane will be taken in November when Mr Rifkind and his three counterparts meet after the completion of two

lar reasons. Yesterday senior officials alternative planes. The unit price from the four EFA partners met in estimate for EFA is between £25 million and £28 million. British miniswithout undermining the effectiveness of the plane. But Volker Rühe, the German defence minister, has rejected the option of building a cheaper EFA.

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Conference sketch

Norman the Nose puzzles press

H ere at Blackpool, Labour are facing a serious case of premature evacuation. The press have

The climax of the conference came far too early, almost before the occasion was under way. With the leader's speech on Tuesday. the conference peaked. The main event now over, those who remain hammer away with a simulated conference. but everyone knows it isn't the real McCoy. Nothing is really happening but nobody likes to say so.

If the platform party

would only tell the floor party they aren't enjoying it any more, then the floor party could admit to the platform party that they aren't either. Both would rather be somewhere else. but each is grinding on in the belief that the other wants them to. By Friday, we shall all be completely exhausted and none the better for it

Signs of exhaustion began to show in a bizarre interlude, yesterday, during a speech by Labour's health spokesman, David Blunkett. should explain that Mr Blunkett is now the conference darling. If the story about his guide dog being refused admission to a Blackpool taxi had not been true, it would have been necessary to invent it. All over Blackpool, billboards for the Blackpool Evening Gazette scream of his plight. It is the story of the day. Most taxi drivers here being Tories, and Mr Blunkett being a left-winger, it would have been no surprise if the cabbie had taken the dog but refused Mr Blunkett: but the other way round was disablist, fascist, labradorist and shocking. Blunkett en-tered the Winter Gardens to a great wave of sympathy and approval.

He was to speak on the health service. We first suspected he was under strain when, apropos of nothing in particular, he declared: "People ask whether the lemon hasn't been squeezed dry? Well, I say to them that we've been left with the pips, and we're going to make them squeak!" Nobody had the least idea what he meant. It was a remark of have said. While we were still worry-

ing about that, Blunkett

suddenly pulled a curious rubber object from his pock-et and began waving it in front of the cameras. Perhaps cameramen could see what it was, but we couldn't His explanation only added to our perplexity. Departing from his pre-released text, Mr Blunkett told us that his son Alistair had warned him not to get too close to Virginia Bottomley and given him "Norman the Nose" He waved the rubber object again. The mystry deepened. Was this a false nose? Why was it called Norman? Why would it keep

Mrs Bottomley away?
Near me. I could see the
BBC's John Cole squinting
bewilderedly at the nose. then peering at his pre-released text of the speech. Norman the Nose", declared Mr Blunkett, "has something called JM The Drip attached at the end ..." Cole's expression was

near despair. Viewers would blame his Ulster accent and assume he was trying to say something else, "... but it came off in my pocket and I've had to give it back on."

B lunkett waved the object again, but did not explain further. He did not say why it was likely to repel Mrs Bottomley any more than (say) a plastic goldfish or a loofah might. John Cole's bead was now sunk, and shaking: a tragic way for so distinguished a commentator to end so many years of

conference reporting.

But it was David

Blunkett's final gesture that somehow summed up the futility of it all. He was concluding the session on health, after which a session on trade union links, block votes and the like, was to begin. "All those in favour please show," said Blunkett. "All those against?" he aused. I swear his dog banked no signal of any kind. "Carried overwhelm

ingly!" he grinned. And in a flash the solution to the problem of premature evacuation dawned on me. Nobody needs to stay. Let the conference continue. with platform empty, press and delegates on the homeward train, and seats occupied by cards indicating the block votes of the trade did prefer a nice cup of tea.

MATTHEW PARRIS

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THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,038

ACROSS

- 1 Rose Marie or Eliza prior to transformation (6-4).
- 6 Note airmen count in German Adored one shows taste where fashionable (10).
- 10 Dress for Royal handmaid in
- 12 Landing place over the water (4).13 Suitable diary subject for the Grossmiths (9).
- 15 Sources of hot money? (8).16 Small boat needed for boarding
- 18 Bosses are out to take over (6). 20 Have a hand in genuine forgive-
- 23 Not to be up to comprehending X is indefensible (9).
- 24 Firm in the lead makes take-over

Solution to Puzzle No 19.037 HAIN UNEARTHLY
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26 Duke leaves seat for him (4). 27 Epithet for bridge or plano duet

- 28 Fellow loses a point to par (4). 29 Soldier of fortune coming to the city with the King (10).

J Refuse to eat quickly (4).

- 2 Column reference mark (7). 3 Brave to go into opening by force
- 4 Neat result of using the needles
- 5 Enthusiastic artist on call (6).
- 7 Gaining knowledge in University 8 Ideal mount for the little people
- 11 No alternative to moving tractor in a fair form of defence (4-8).
- 14 Pardon graduate coming up with explanation (10).
- 17 No credit for researcher resolved
- 19 Outlook good for established festival (3.4). 21 Crackling sound made by paper
- 22 The French are here? (6). 25 Repeat going up the river (4).

when cut (7).

Concise Crossword, page 19 Life& Times section

WORD-WATCHING

- By Philip Howard OWELTY
- A nest of owls
 Feudal duty of menial service
 Equality
- MORGAY
- a. The lesser spotted dog-fish b. A type of fisherman's knot c. Extremely cheerful
- MISTIGRIS
- c. A Middle-Eastern belly dancer
- HUSO
- a. A Hungarian franctireur b. Stationery Office underlings

c. The great sturgeon Answers on page 16

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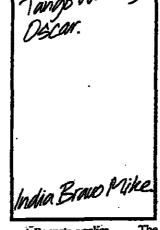
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Papa Siena



WEATHER Most central, southern and eastern England and Scotland will be bright with some sunshine after mist and fog patches clear during the morning, although northeast Scotland will start cloudy with light rain. Northern Ireland and western Scotland will be cloudy with outbreaks of rain, which will spread across much of Scotland and western parts of England and Wales later in the day. Outlook: Unsettled with rain or showers. Windy in the north.

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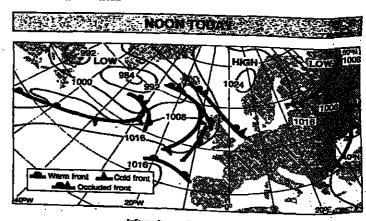
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Tunnel

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BY OUR CITY STAFF

EUROTUNNEL, the Channel Tunnel operator, won two significant victories, a legal ruling in its favour and against the builders of the

project and the blessing of its

bankers to draw down more

The International Chamber

of Commerce has reversed an

earlier decision by the project's

disputes panel in March that

Eurotunnel must pay an extra £50 million a month of inter-

im funding to TML, the

Eurotunnel had appealed

gainst that decision to the

IČC. Both parties are locked in

a £1.2 billion dispute over cost overruns on the £8 billion-plus

project, and the builders had

been granted the interim pay-

ments to tide them over until

the long-running negotiations

of Commerce has also issued a mild warning to the disputes panel, saying it must take care in future not to pre-judge the

ssue of the pricing of the fixed

At the same time, Euro-tunnel's 200-strong banking

syndicate has approved a

waiver of banking covenants

for another two months to

allow the company to draw

down up to £200 million from

its loans to continue fitting out the tunnel and the two

The four main banks, Mid-

land, National Westminster, Banque Nationale de Paris

and Crédit Lyonnais, had

supported the extension to

allow the completion of the project and settlement of the dispute with TML, which had

then been put to the other

The two decisions will allow Sir Alastair Motton, the chief executive, to give an upbeat half-way report to his share-

holders on Monday. Sir Alastair is also expected to publish new traffic projections

favourable than those drawn

up by outside contractors.

banks for a vote.

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equipment on the project.

The International Chamber

builders' consortium.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 1 1992

Lenders 'breathed a sigh of relief' after the suspension of sterling

BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL

TODAY IN BUSINESS

OIL RUSH



BP has discovered the Muslims in Azerbaijan like the green of its flocking to join what oil rush Page 23

LOSSES CUT

Brent Walker has out interim losses almost by half, but the troubles of the company are far

DU PONT DEAL



gave the green light to a nylon-for-acrylics vap deal between ICI and Du Pont of

KILROY HERE

Robert Kilroy-Silk has now set his mind on running his own business Page 25

ACCOUNTANCY



Robert Bruce argues in favour of a change in the law to make auditors more Page 26

THE POUND

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Scottish bank chief attacks ERM rules

By Jonathan Prynn and George Sivell

destruction", he said.

the "bottom-fishers" who nor-

mally pick up assets on the cheap at the bottom of the

recession are still not in evi-

dence. "If I was sitting in the

Treasury I would be a bit

The Edinburgh bank pre-

sented results showing once

again that it is weathering the

of its clearing bank competi-

tors. Pre-tax profits were down

only 2 per cent at £74.2 million for the six months to

end-August. It has avoided the

full effect of the downturn

because of its relatively small exposure in the Southeast of

The bank slightly increased

its market share and increased its sterling lending by 7 per cent in a generally flat market.

cession far better than most

worried," he said.

THE European exchange rate mechanism contained the seeds of its own destruc-tion, and most lending bankers "breathed a sigh of relief when sterling was forced to pull out last month, one of Britain's top commer-cial bankers claimed

Bruce Pattullo, the Governor and chief executive of the Bank of Scotland, made the comments the day after Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor of the Bank of England, emphasised the importance of exchange-rate targets in the battle against inflation in a speech in London.

The remarks from Mr Pattullo, who was last year voted Britain's most highly respected banker and has been tipped as a "dark horse" possible successor to Mr Leigh-Pemberton, were seen as unusually outspoken for a banker normally regarded as the embodiment of understated presbyterian caution. In the half-year statement

from the bank, which present-ed interim results, Mr Pattullo referred to "the traumatic events in the currency market" last month, which resulted in sterling's withdrawal from the ERM, an effective devaluation and a government economic policy vacuum.

The upheaval served as "a useful reminder that the rules of the ERM, which initially

Total asset growth during the six-month period was 5 per provided a useful discipline for members during a period when the European econo-

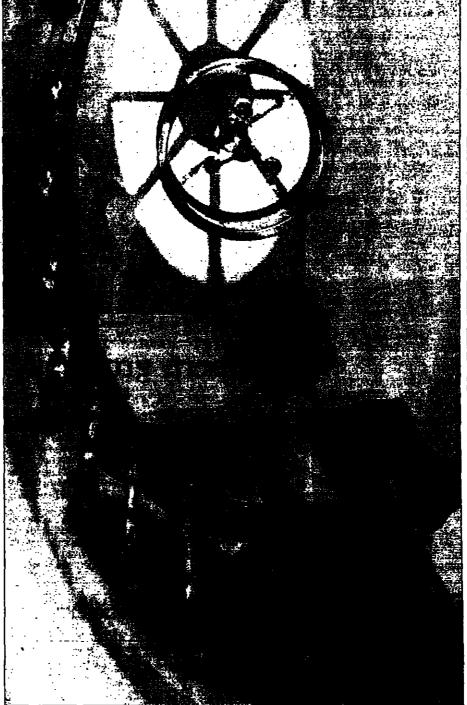
mies were converging, if not modified over time to reflect mained at roughly the same. major extraneous events and level as for the previous two half-year periods at £129.3 million, representing 0.65 per cent of average advances. The divergent economic trends, create rigidities which may carry the seeds of their own interim dividend increased 4 per cent to 1.77p.

The pound fell to just above Mr Pattullo also welcomed the lower level of interest rates.

DM2.50 yesterday after Helmut Schlesinger, Bundes-He added that while there were dangers in bringing bank president, stamped out talk of a German interest rate down interest rates too quick-ly, the US experience had shown that a gradual easing of cut. He said there was "no rates was not always effective. basis" to speculation about He remained concerned about future monetary policy. the pace of recovery because

Sterling ended at DM2-5095, down from Tuesday's close of DM2.5272. Against the dollar sterling rose from \$1.7685 to \$1.7770 leaving the trade weighted index unchanged at 83.7.

The mark soared against the lira after market talk that Rome planned to freeze 30 per cent of bank deposits. The numours were denied by the Italian government but not before the lira touched a low of 893 per mark in early trading, before recovering to about 877 late in the day. It closed at 844 on Tuesday. Rumours that from the ERM put pressure



Point of view: Bruce Pattullo, who says ERM rules "contain seeds of their own destruction".

Another 2,200 redundancies | Jubilee rescue stays on track increase job market gloom

BRITISH workers faced more redundancies and pay pres-sure yesterday as almost 2,200 jobs across the country were cut and Rover, the carmaker, imposed a pay freeze on its staff. The latest avalanche of iob losses started last week. when more than 6,000 jobs were axed; another 4,000

followed on Monday. Rover announced plans to impose a six-month pay freeze on its 34,000 staff from November. It blamed the depressed state of the motor industry and told union leaders the freeze was part of an effort to protect jobs.

The company said it was sticking to a "new deal", guaranteeing jobs, agreed in April. The unions, which had been due to submit a pay claim next week, attacked the freeze. Rover said it would still talk to them, but any pay rise would be deferred until next May. Senior managers' pay has been frozen since January

John Smith, the Labour leader, attacked the govern-ment's jobs record, saying that casting a "dark shadow" over the country. Frank Dobson, Labour's employment spokesone redundancy in Downing Street to save the jobs of thousands of others."

IBM, the computer group, said it would shed 600 jobs in the UK at the end of October. Sites affected would include its Portsmouth headquarters and manufacturing centres in Havant, Hampshire, and Greenock, on the Clyde. The companysaid the cuts were to increase competitiveness and reduce overheads. They are part of a plan to cut 40,000 jobs worldwide.

Research Machines, a British computer maker, announced 120 job losses at its offices in Didcot, Oxfordshire, and Mill Street, Oxford. Research Machines achieved record sales of £65 million in its latest financial year but Gordon Derham, the managing director, said price cuts in the personal computer market forced the company to restructure to remain competitive.

Boulton and Paulone of the fear of unemployment was Britain's biggest joinery companies, said it planned to make 387 workers redundant and to close 18 sales centres. The company will shed 27 jobs at its Norwich headquarters, 97 at its manufacturing plant in Maldon, Essex, 66 at Lowestoft, Suffolk, 115 at Melton Mowbray, Leicester-shire, and another 82 sales

National Power and Power-Gen, the two privatised electricity generators, are to cut 220 jobs by closing and slimming down power station operations. National Power said there would be further dosures over the next three

Eastern Electricity is to make 90 staff in its contracting division redundant before the end of the year, it blames recession in the construction

British Rail's bulk freight haulage arm, Trainload Freight, is to axe nearly 90 jobs with the closure of its ocomotive and train crew depots at Grangemouth, Scotland, next April.

THE government is consider- government. However, the ad- public spending, will decide administrators of Canary Wharf to save the threatened extension of the Jubilee Underground line to the project in London's Dock-

Stephen Adamson, Nigel Hamilton and Alan Bloom. the accountants from Ernst & Young who are now running the project, yesterday passed the proposals to Lord Wakeham. He heads a government committee on Canary Wharf; it was established sbortly after the £2 billion project was placed in administration in May.

Under a deal agreed, but never signed, with Ölympia & York, Canary Wharf's Canadian developer, the government has committed more than El billion to building the tube line from Green Park to Stratford. That, however, is conditional on the private sector coming up with a £400 million contribution.

The administrators' proposal is designed to meet that requirement, with £100 million being put up in cash and the balance paid over a period Power job cuts, page 25 of 20 to 30 years, as originally agreed between O&Y and the to come up with the cash if the government, in turn, undertakes to relocate several thousands of civil servants to

Canary Wharf. The development is one of four Docklands options the government is considering; a fifth alternative would be to keep the civil servants in West-

minster. The administrators hope that an early decision by the government in Canary Wharf's favour will not only head to an early start to tunnelling work, but remove the biggest uncertainty that has been hanging over the

That would enable the administrators, who are acting on behalf of the 11 banks which collectively have lent Canary Wharf more than £550 million, to drive a much harder bargain with the ten parties that are reported to have expressed interest in

investing in the project.

Although the administrators have made considerable efforts to meet the government's original requirements, the higgest threat is that the government, anxious to cut

ing the board.

Mr McAdam told the meet-

ing it was premature to talk of

any refinancing until the re-

sults of all-important Christ-

mas trading and the success

of a cost-cutting strategy re-

view were apparent. "There is

no quick fix. It's going to take

some time to return the group

to an acceptable level of profitability," he said. One shareholder disagreed.

The quickest fix is the resig-

nation of Gerald Ratner," he

said, to a roar of agreement." Mr McAdam retorted: "The

issue of Gerald's resignation is not on the table."

The board's pay has been out by a third this year. Mr

Ratner carned £574,000 last

vear. The cut was not enough

for several shareholders who

wanted directors to forgo

One, at least, did not be-

grudge Mr Ratner a penny. "I

vish he could have received

that renumeration and stayed

at home instead of running

the business," said David

Sofer. "because I think the

payment entirely.

day announced that the future of the Thames Riverbus service had been secured "for some time" by investors who had pledged an unspecified amount of money towards

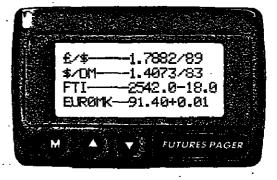
keeping the service afloat. At the end of June, investors came up with £300,000 to keep it operating until the end of September.

sion is an easy and relatively painless way of saving over £1 billion of public funds.

The administrators yester-

The contractors were hinting that the decision by the International Chamber of Commerce may accelerate a settlement of the dispute. "Today's decision may well give added impetus to this effort, as TML must continue to safeguard the interests of its member companies by reserving its position on works outside its contractual commitment," a statement said.

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Shareholders hear sound of silence from Ratner

By Martin Waller DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

GERALD Ratner, deposed chain, has had ample opportunity to reflect on the adage that silence is golden. Few have forgotten his remarks last year that one product was "total crap" which triggered a customer revolt and a stide in the share price.

Mr Ratner, once one of the most voluble and publicityhungry bosses and still chief executive of Ratners Group, was taking his new-found reticence to Trappist extremes yesterday. He failed to open his mouth once at a 90minute annual shareholders' meeting despite repeated angry calls for his sacking.

After the meeting Mr Ratner left hurriedly, guarded by security staff hired by the company, which had the effect of forcefully discouraging further questions from inves tors. He later failed to join other directors in mingling with shareholders. Aides said he had a prior appointment. Ratners' misery was com-

pounded by a set of interim figures accompanying the delayed meeting that showed replacement as chairman,

In a hurry: Gerald Rainer arrives at London's Connaught Rooms for yesterday's meeting must have thought things attempted financial restruc-

pre-tax losses deepening during the first six months to August 1, from £17.7 million to £30.6 million. There is no interim dividend, against a 2.4p payment last time. James McAdam, Mr Ratner's

could get no worse, until he heard from a big American holder of Ratners' variablerate preference shares. James Jenkin, managing director of First Boston Corporation, put down a marker that any

turing would need the blessing of the holders of all classes of Ratners' preference shares who, after the suspension of their dividend payments control 28 per cent of the voting rights — before joining

shares would have been worth more than 9½p now." Comment, page 23.

EC clears chemicals swap deal

DU PONT, the American chemical company, will not have to sell any of the ICI nylon fibres plants it is acquiring in Britain to comply with EC competition rules.

That news, announced yesterday by Leon Brittan, EC competition commissioner, will be a relief to 3,000 ICI workers at plants in Gloucester, Doncaster and Pontypool. They had feared they could lose their jobs when the British company exchanges its nylon business for Du Pont's acrylic

business plus £250 million.
Instead, Sir Leon's mergers task force and Du Pont officials have decided that the German arm of the ICI nylon fibres business should be restructured; some of its manufacturing, research and development and sales staff and facilities will be transferred to a competitor. In effect, Du Pont will make nylon fibres for

a rival under licence. were alarmed by the nylon-foracrylics swap when they first looked at it in April; Du Pont's share of the EC nylon carpets market would have risen from 23 per cent to 43 per cent in

terms of sales. Rhône Poulenc, the French state-owned chemical company, is Du Pont's biggest competitor in the EC but has only half its sales: it complained to the commission about the swap's implications. The complicated deal arranged with Brussels will reduce Du Pont's share of the market from 43 per cent to 38 per cent. Sir Leon said: "The important thing is that a competitor will receive an important gain, especially in terms of R&D."
The third party in the deal, to which Du Pont will also loan indefinitely the "Timbrelle" trademark, has not yet been

Sir Denys Henderson, the ICI chairman, welcomed the commission's decision. He said: "Du Pont will take all reasonable steps to transfer staff to fill the majority of the staffing needs of the new carpet centre and of the sales and marketing operations of this business for the third

He described the compromise as an "extremely com-plex and imaginative transac-

Sir Leon rejected sugges-tions that he had softened his stance on the swap under pressure from EC governments. Martin Bangemann, the industry commissioner, had always been in favour of the deal.

"The decisions will not affect workers in Britain," Sir Leon said "All the things I have talked about refer to Germany. British factories will all be under Du Pont."

He denied that the German workforce, which also numbers about 3,000, was threatened by a shake-up: "Nobody's going to be put in irons and handed over to another



Pointing the way: Sir Denys welcomed the pact as "imaginative"

Property group passes payout

By MATTHEW BOND

A FALL of 21 per cent in net assets per share, resulting from the continued difficulties in the commercial property market, has caused Scottish Metropolitan Property to go back on a commitment to pay a final dividend of 2.9p. The decision comes a week after Greycoat, another highly geared property group, said it would not be paying a previously announced final

Scott Cairns, managing di-rector of Scottish Metropolitan, said at the time of April's interim results, when the halftime dividend was cut to 1.5p. that the company intended to maintain the total payout at 4.4p. The total will now stay at the interim level.

Yesterday, the company said the confidence it had seen immediately after the general election had been short-lived and that there had been a

"marked deterioration" in both the investment and let-

ting markets.
This was confirmed by an external valuation carried out for the group's August 15 year-end, which revealed that net assets per share would fall from 145p to 114p. Two years ago, they were 240p.
At the time of the interims,

the company had net borrowings of more than £200 million and gearing of 140 per

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Cluff dips but awaits lift from sterling

By Colin Campbell

STERLING'S devaluation should assist Cluff Resources. a gold mining and exploration group, in the second half of 1992, said Algy Cluff, the chairman. He reported pretax profits down to \$1.09 million from £802,000 in the six months to June 30.

The group suffered from the lowest sterling gold price for 13 years and, to some extent, from harsh economic conditions in Zimbabwe, Cluff operates that country's largest gold mine, Freda Rebecca.

Every £10 movement in the sterling price of gold has a £700,000 impact on the group's pre-tax profit. Since June 30, the gold price has advanced by £30 to about £200 an ounce, which should assist margins, Mr Chuff added.

Chiff says the results of exploration drilling near Bula-wayo. Zimbabwe, have been encouraging and negotiations with bankers on project fi-nance for the promising Ayanfuri gold mine, in Gha-

na, are progressing.

There has been successful exploration at a lead and zinc deposit in Yemen, and off the coast of Oman for gas. Last year, the group was granted gold licences at Geita, Tanzania, the site of what was once East Africa's largest gold

Total gold production in the first half of 1992 was 35,625 ounces, up from 34,548 produced in the first half of 1991. Cluff traditionally pays a final dividend only. The shares eased 2p to 112p.

Bond Corp Holdings total losses top £1bn

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THE accumulated losses of Bond Corp Holdings, the debt laden investment group, formerly run by Alan Bond, ballooned to more than A\$2.5 billion (£1 billion) with the

announcement of a loss of A\$435.10 million for the year to hme 30 (A\$651.35 million loss, nine months).

Annual sales fell to A\$155.02 million, from A\$339.27 million in the previous nine-month period, as the company continued to sell off assets to meet its debt load.
Administrators at Bond said the latest loss was attributable mainly to A\$198.44 million of interest expense accruals and A\$186.93 million of unrealised foreign exchange losses.

Norex profits sink

PRE-TAX profits at Norex, a ship manager and insurance broking group, fell from £9.6 million to £1.8 million in the year to June 30. A maintained dividend of 2p is recommended, despite a loss of 4.9p a share, against earnings of 29.2p last time. Turnover fell from £44.2 million to £10.7 million and operating profits from £15.4 million to £9.5 million. There was an exceptional charge of £3.95 million against losses on the disposal and write-down of ships, and an extraordinary charge of £1.37 million arising from discontinuation of Norex America's shipping activities.

Camellia wilts

A LATE start to the tea-picking season has hit first-half earnings at Camellia, an investment holding company with interests in fine art and tea plantations. Delays caused by drought in Africa and India left just two weeks of sales in the figures to offset expenses, leaving pre-tax profits down from 55.2 million to E1.9 million in the six months to end-June. The company attributes the fall to a "timing" problem, and says full-year figures will be much in line with those of last year. There was a loss of 1.64p (44.88p earnings) per share. The interim dividend is 12p (11p).

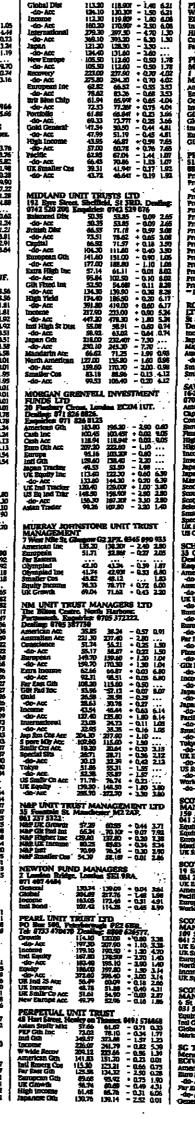
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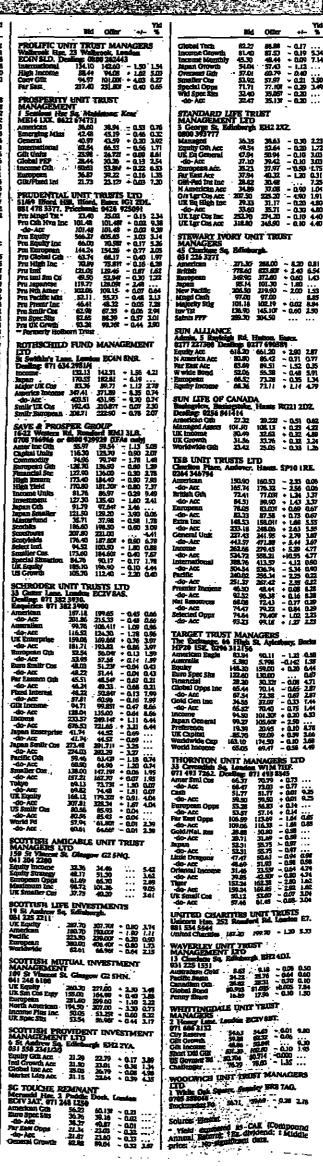
THE Monopolies and Mergers Commission is to investigate the market for animal waste supplied for processing in rendering plants. Sir Bryan Carsberg, director-general of Fair Trading, decided to refer the matter to the commission because he was concerned about the increasing domination of the industry by two companies. He named Prosper de Mulder in England and Wales and William Forrest and Son

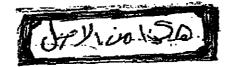
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Brent Walker cuts losses to £79.4m at half time

By MATTHEW BOND

BRENT Walker, the leisure group given a reprieve by its bankers in March, has cut interim losses. In the six months to the end of June it made a pre-tax loss of £79.4 million, down from a loss of £133.5 million in a 28-week period to July 14 last year. There is no interim dividend again. The fall in pre-tax losses disguises a deterioration in trading at the two businesses that are supposed to secure the long-term future of the company — William Hill, the bookmaker, and Pubmaster, the public house chain.

Ken Scobie, who since the departure of Lord Kindersley in July has been acting chairman as well as chief executive. said the figures exaggerated the downturn because a 28-week period in 1991 was being compared with a 26-week period in 1992. "I am

Banks may challenge vote result

LAWYERS acting for banks that lent money to George Walker, former chairman of Brent Walker, may challenge last week's vote for Mr Walker to make a voluntary arrangement with creditors.

The arrangement was approved by creditors owed £136 million by Mr Walker out of a total of £180 million, giving him just over the 75 per cent majority required. But some banks are concerned that there were procedural irregularities in that proxy votes were accepted by facsimile.

Raymond Hocking, of Stoy Hayward, the accountant, chaired the meeting. A Stoy Hayward spokesman said Mr Hocking had followed normal practice. Guidelines from the Society of Practitioners of Insolvency preclude proxy votes by fax for creditors' voluntary liquidations, but there are no guidelines for individual voluntary arrangements.

extremely satisfied with William Hill. On a like for like basis, turnover is actually up 2 per cent." Mr Scobie blamed increases in rents, rates and wages for the drop in operat-ing profits from £32.7 million to £26.7 million. William Hill's operating margins fell

to 3.8 per cent.
The £300 million dispute between Brent Walker and Grand Metropolitan over the price paid for William Hill in 1989 is to be settled by an independent expert, who is expected to start considering submissions soon.

Operating profits from Pubmaster, which now operates 1.983 managed and tenanted public houses, fell from £7.2 million to £6 million. Mr Scobie said the figures were not comparable because of big changes in the division involving the sale of the Hartlepool brewery and the purchase of many public houses. The results cover the period

when Brent Walker's 60 banks finally signed a refinancing agreement for the company's £1.6 billi m of debt. The restructuring involved a £250 million debt-for-equity swap, which cut the company's negative net worth from £455 million to £258 million at the half-year end. Net bank borrowings at the half-year end were £1.3 billion, with a further £90 million owed to holders of convertible notes.

As part of the refinancing, it was agreed a substantial element of the interest bill would be converted or deferred. But despite the conversion and deferral of more than £70 million of interest during the half year. the company's £29.5 million operating profit failed to cover the £37.3 million of interest payable.

Brent Walker's total interest bill of £108 million, together with a further £1 million of costs associated with the restructuring, resulted in the pre-tax loss of £79.4 million. Last year's interim losses were boosted by £31.5 million of



Meeting of minds: Peter Middleton, left, and Neil Shaw have begun the process of healing divisions between working and external names

Woolley joins BM to see shares slide

By MICHAEL TATE, CITY EDITOR

MOGER Woolley, the former chief executive of DRG, is moving into the chair at BM Group, the construction equipment group whose share price slumped last summer when Roger Shute, its driving force, was forced to stand down for health reasons. News of Mr Woolley's ap-

pointment as non-executive chairman accompanied results for the year ended last June showing only a marginal increase in pre-tax profits from £34.1 million to £34.6 million, despite a surge in turnover, from £396 million to £519

The figures include four months' results from the £42.67 million Thomas Robinson acquisition.

Earnings on the capital enlarged by last February's £60 million rights issue have fallen from 27.2p to 23.4p a share, but Matthew Thorne, the current chairman, is making use of the high level of dividend. A final payment of

2.9p makes 5p for the year. against 3.4p previously, and Mr Thorne says shareholders can look forward to "a materi-ally higher level of dividend" than previously paid.

The move failed to impress

the market, where the share price, which plunged from 398p to 70p during a three-week spell in July, dipped 15p to 91p. Mr Thorne said shareholders funds had improved from

£94 million to £171 million. and that with the help of a postive operating cash flow, borrowings had been cut from £90 million to £61 million. for a 36 per cent gearing level. No further acquisitions were planned for the time being. On trading, Howard Sut-

ton, the chief executive, said there was clearly no improvement in conditions, "although certain of our businesses are outperforming the market".

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Initiative launched 'out of frustration over economy'

Firms set up group to stress plight of UK manufacturing

By PATRICIA TEHAN

A GROUP of 34 British manufacturers has set up the UK Industrial Group in an attempt to put manufacturing back on the government agenda and persuade the public. from school children to City

financiers to take an interest. Founder members include the Bodyshop and are mostly small manufacturers with sales of between £1 million to £80 million.

David Turnbull, directorgeneral, said the group was formed "out of a sense of utter frustration with the state of the UK economy and the way it has been declining for decades". He added: "Britain no longer manufactures enough to pay its way in the world and as a result we lose money hand

He issued a warning that the trade deficit would continue to grow unless manufacturing was put first and Britain had a "national strategy to

show how we can arrive at a balance of trade surplus". Mr Turnbull said: "The

position is deteriorating almost daily. Industrial-based enterprises are ceasing to trade week in and week out, and even in times of severely curbed consumer spending the trade gap is still widening. The problem is now so horrendous that positive action needs to be taken as a matter of extreme urgency."

Meanwhile, the Confedera-

tion of British Industry has won support from 150 leading companies for a voluntary environmental code of practice. This coincides with the separate launch in Glasgow yesterday of the Institute of Environmental Managers.

backed by Scottish industry. Backers of the CBI code have agreed to designate a board level director with responsibility for the environment: set, implement and review targets on environmental performance: publish a corporate environmental policy statement and give public reports on progress in achieving targets. Companies include ICI, BP. IBM, British Nuclear Fuels, Boots and Kodak.

Andrew Balza, head of the CBI's environmental management unit, said the CBI believes it is "in the long-term interests of business to identify its own targets and then voluntarily implement plans to improve performance".

The Scottish IEM initiative has the support of Scottish industry. Scottish Enterprise. the Scottish Office and the Centre for Business in Scotland. It aims to provide a forum for the exchange of information between environmental managers in industry, commerce and local government: stimulate environmental competence; and raise the status of the environmental manager.

Lloyd's groups to look at losses

By JONATHAN PRYNN INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

FOUR high-powered groups of working and outside members of Lloyd's are to be set up to examine possible solutions to the financial difficulties facing thousands of loss-mak-

ing names.

The agreement to set up the groups was reached at a meeting between Peter Middleton, the market's new chief executive, and Neil Shaw. chairman of the Association of Lloyd's Members (ALM).

The meeting is seen as the start of a process aimed at healing divisions between names who work in the market and the several thousand outside names who have made vast losses.

The four committees will bers each, including represen tatives from the Lloyd's Underwriting Agents' Associ-ation names' action groups and the ALM. Three committees will examine key aspects of names' hardship such as open years. They will report to a fourth committee, chaired by Dick Hazell, a deputy chairman of Lloyd's.

It is thought that appointments to the committees will be made within the next week. The ALM is trying to persuade respected business figures who are also names, to

participate.

Mr Middleton, who took over from Alan Lord last month, is expected to sit on at least one of the committees. He said his initial meetings with names had demonstrated that "they do want to see signs that the whole community at Lloyd's is tackling these problems with some vigour".

Mr Shaw said he expected that the committees would have "a fairly heavy work schedule for two to four months". He was "very positive" about prospects for the talks, which follow two years of acrimony and threats of legal action from external

A long-awaited report into losses suffered by the Gooda Walker syndicates is likely to be published on or soon after October 8. Another report. from a committee headed by Sir Patrick Neill, QC, on the losses at the Feltrim syndi-cates will be out by the end of October.

Betacom falls to interim loss

Betacom, the distributor of portable telephones where Arnstrad now has a 71 per cent holding, dropped to a pre-tax loss of £3.3 million in the six months to June 30 (profits of £129.000) after £1.97 million of restructuring costs and product rationalisation. There is again no dividend.

Ensor award

Ensor Holdings awarded a £100,000 golden handshake to Brian Morgan who resigned as chairman in June. Mr Morgan remains a nonexecutive director.

Well placed

Exploration Company holds E7 million in cash, bonds and high-yielding shares. Interim pre-tax profits fell from £1.34 million to £967.000.

Blockleys cut

Blockleys is cutting its interim dividend from 1.95p to 0.5p after pre-tax profits fell from £852.000 to £410.000.

Lincat rises

UNIGROUP (Fin) Pre-tax: £104,000 EPS: Loss 0.19p

ARAN ENERGY (Int)

SYKES-PICKAVANT (Int)

Pre-tax: Ir£38,000

EPS: Loss 0.05p

Pre-tax: £402,000

EPS: 2.75p (2.12p) Div: 2.25p (2.25p)

RAMCO OIL (Int) Pre-tax: £250,000

EPS: 0.95p (0.94p)

BLP GROUP (Int)

Pre-tax: £1,000 EPS: Loss 2.3p

Div: Nil (nil)

EW FACT (Int)

Pre-tax: £482,000

EPS: 4.57p (5.15p) Div: 1.6p (1.21p)

Div: Nil (nil)

Lineat Group is paying a final dividend of 3.3p, making an unchanged 5.1p, on pre-tax profits of £810,000 (£708,000).

Power groups query debt auction scheme

PRIVATISED electricity companies have queried the mechanics of a government plan for them to bid for their own debt to the state, in an auction designed to raise £1 billion to offset government spending. The sale will still go ahead. though it could be modified (Graham Searjeant writes). Several of the companies. which would compete with

each other in an auction devised by Baring Brothers, are unhappy that they might have to show a large loss in their accounts if successful. The debt carries interest coupons of up to 13 per cent, well up on current interest rates for comparable companies despite recent market upheavals. Barings was also expecting to redeem the debt at a premium over its face value, creating a capital loss. Some want the scheme to be changed so that

iately be cancelled if they bought them, and they need not show a loss in their accounts. Creative accountants might come to their rescue, allowing them to write off any capital loss against interest savings over the originally intended life of the loans, some of which run until 2008.

There have also been doubts about the tax effects. If debt were refinanced at lower interest rates, borrowers would obtain less tax relief. The capital payment would not be tax deductible, although Barings proposes to make some allowance for this in the benchmark prices set to compare the companies' bids.
Similar considerations

apply to BT, which is being asked to bid against institutional investors in a linked auction for tranches of its debt.

Rolls wins £40m orders

ROLLS-ROYCE has won two power orders worth a total of

Thompson Nuclear Engineering, part of Rolls-Royce Nuclear Engineering Services, won a contract from Scottish Nuclear worth more than £20 million for an additional irradiated fuel dismantling cell at its Torness nuclear power station.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Last year's profit was £1.29m, giving earnings per share of 3.81p. Interest charges rose from £286,000 to £615,000.

Turnover rose from £8.65m to

£9.4m. No sign of recovery in main markets and development

Last year, there was an

and a loss per share of 0.14p.

interim loss of ir£203,000

plans are being deferred.

Last year's interim profit was

Last year, there was a loss of 5261,000 and a loss per share of 5.3p. Turnover fell from

£572,000. Term enrolments lower

than last year. Malaysian college

Previous interim profit was

£28m to £11.5m.

may open next year.

£225,000. Development continued despite low sterling-oil price; Caspian Sea prospects are good.

Reyrolle Projects, the project management unit of NE1 Reyrolle, a Rolls-Royce subsidiary, won an order worth almost £20 million from Malaysia's Tenaga Nasional to build 13 sub-stations between. Kuala Lumpur, the Malaysian capital, and Johar Bahru at the southern tip of the

peninsula, under a two-year

Hogg rises on keeping dividend

By COLIN CAMPBELL

HOGG Group, the insurance broker, pleased the market by holding its 1992 interim dividend at 3.15p a share and by indicating that the final dividend would also be maintained. The shares rose by 14p

to 131p.

Pre-tax profits fell from in the six months to June 30. but James Vaughn, chairman. says the core broking businesses performed well in difficult times, and the group has underlying strength. Profits were dented by the impact of currency movements, weaker investment income and lack of capacity within the market.

For the first time in eight reporting periods, Hogg's underlying expenses rose faster than turnover. Mr Vaughn said, however, that though the first half bore the impact of higher costs, the revenue rewards would be evident in the second half.

Hogg says the insurance broking industry was plagued by factors relating to the economy, exchange rates, interest levels and market conditions in the first half, but most of its trading entities still managed to register significant growth.

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Food group barricades itself against predators

FROM REUTER IN PARIS

SHAREHOLDERS in BSN, hostile bid. However, the a big French food group, approved a defence against predators and voted the son of Antoine Riboud, the company's 73-year-old chairman. on

to the board. The chairman said the defence, which caps share-holders voting rights, would protect the group against "creeping" takeovers by Amer-ican or Japanese firms want-

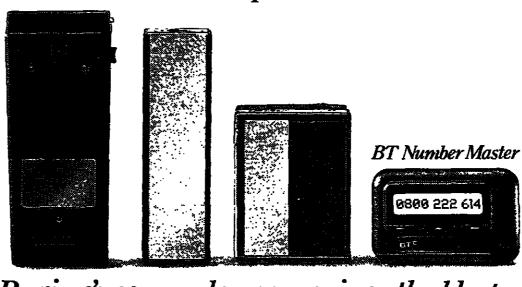
ing a foothold in Europe. BSN already possessed a "poison pill", in that core shareholders could exercise warrants giving them a one-fifth stake in the event of a been chosen to succeed him.

cross-border battle earlier this year for Source Perrier, the water group, persuaded Riboud that BSN's takeover shield should be reinforced.

M Riboud told a shareholders' meeting that BSN had to be protected against any large shareholding that would confer "exceptional and unassailable power". M Riboud's son Franck,

BSN's director of development, was brought on to the board but his father said it did not mean he planned to step down soon or that his son had





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Bank of Scotland still on the high road

IN AN uncertain and unpredictable world. Bank of Scot-land still stands out as a beacon of stability. Its figures for the first half of the year were as unvielding as Edinburgh Castle despite the passing of yet another six months bereft of economic green shoots. Operating profits are at a record £207.1 million, while taxable profits slipped a mere 2 per cent to levels were also stable and have settled down at a steady rate of about £)20 million per half year.

Profits from the core clearing bank operations were almost unchanged at £40.9 million. From its headquarters on The Mound, the bank surveys an economic landscape that remains "absolutely flat". There is still no improvement in sight in the south, and there are signs of a worrying deterioration in turnover and margins of companies in Scotland and the north of England. The news that they are suffering had some analysts shaving back their forecasts for the current

The group continues to grow its asset book selectively and to edge up market share in the process. Shareholders need not fear, however -Presbyterian caution will not allow any ill advised "dash for growth" to wipe out the good

work of the past. Growth is strongest in the mortgage book, which stood at £4.6 billion at the half year end. Bruce Pattullo, the governor and group chief executive. believes, unfashionably, that

bricks and mortar backed loans will see "usefully high-er" margins as interest rates continue to fall.

A 6 per cent increase in the dividend to 4.6p can be expected for the full year, so the shares are yielding just under 5.5p on yesterday's share price of 114p. This compares with 7.5 per cent for the Royal Bank, which is more exposed to the problems of the south

The shares typically outperform the sector on economic pessimism, and underperform when prospects are looking up. As such, they make an excellent hedge against further delays in the recovery but are unlikely to sparkle when it finally arrives.

BM Group

REPUTATIONS, once shattered, can take a long time mending. Under Roger Shute. BM Group shares had a glorious run. Then. in July. came the sudden news that illness was forcing him to stand down, and in three weeks the shares plunged

from 398p to 70p.
Stung by the implicit criticism of their public relations capabilities, let alone their management potential the rest of the board has since been trying desperately to smooth the market's feathers.

They must have thought they would restore some credibility with a full and favourable preliminary statement, which will have reassured investors on many counts. Profits are, at £34.6 million, against £34.1 million. gearing is down to 36 per



Hard act to follow: Moger Woolley, successor to Roger Shute at BM Group

ment team, ex-Shute, is un-

unlikely to show any growth

cent. and important contracts have been nailed down, while a new, high-profile chairman comes in in the form of Moger Woolley, and Price Waterhouse has joined the auditing team.

It is also at times like these that high dividend cover comes in handy, and shareholders are not only getting their hands on a bigger slice of the profits, but are promised more in the future. But it was all to little avail. The share price, having rallied

recently, if only feebly, slid again, from 106p to 91p. Mr the same, the near 9 per cent vield alone - look for a 6p net dividend this year - should Shute's retirement and a setbe offering support at this back in earnings per share, from 27.2p to 23.4p, may have been coincidental, but is Hogg Group a reminder that the manage-

HOGG Group, the insurance broker, has done itself a power proven and has a great act to of good by maintaining its 1992 interim dividend at Consolidation is the key word at BM now. Profits are 3.15p a share, and by giving an early alert that the final this year, and on a higher tax charge earnings may fall fur-ther, perhaps below 20p. Al payment is also likely to be

Hogg shares jumped by

14p to 131p, even though interim pre-tax profits fell from £8.26 million to £6.8 million, and despite market suggestions that full 1992 profits will be lower than last year's £16.8

Hogg should remember Mr Micawber's dictum about spending and income, be-cause underlying group ex-penses rose by 5 per cent in the six months to end June while turnover growth was only 3.2 per cent. But that is the first time in eight reporting periods that the ratios went out of kilter, and the costs incurred in the first half should bring in benefits in the second.

Seven out of ten of Hogg's divisions advanced, and while the currency impact on first half profits was £750,000. Hogg has hedged 90 per cent of 1993 income at \$1.73.

Lack of capacity also played its part in poorer interim resuits, but generation of new business has been encouraging, and start-up joint ventures in Venezuela, Mexico and Colombia have already made a contribution above

The insurance broking industry will continue to be plagued by external factors that will make life tough. though year end pre-tax profits of around £15 million, compared with £16.8 million in 1991 and £17 million in

1990, would still please. The shares trade on 10 times 1992 profit hopes. backed by a 8.3 per cent yield. In generally uncertain markets, Hogg shares, if only for vield considerations, are worth

WORLD MARKETS

Dow edges higher in mid-morning

New York — Blue chips remained at about Tuesday's closing levels in directionless. mid-morning trading. The Dow Jones industrial average edged up by one point to 3,267.80, having traded in a six-point range. Analysts said hesitancy was the watch word before the September unemplayment report tomorrow.

Tokyo — Prices surrendered their early gains to close weaker for the fourth consecutive day. The Nikkei index dropped 349.01 points, or 1.97 per cent, to 17,399.08. Most investors, unnerved by the yen's continuing strength and deprived of fresh buying incentives, retreated to the sidelines, leaving the field to arbitrage sell programs, brokers said. Turnover rose to about 260 million shares com-

pared with 232 million shares on Tuesday. Hong Kong — Share prices closed weaker for the third consecutive day, but were above their lows for the day because of bargain-hunting, brokers said. They noted selling in the afternoon that dragged the Hang Seng index down by more than 100 points to 5,473.69, before individual buying lifted it. The Hang Seng closed down 76.48 points at 5,505.44 — 3.2 per cent below its Friday close of 5,686.16. ☐ Frankfurt —

shares surrendered their early gains as gloomy economic data and foreign selling pushed prices perilously close to their low for the year. The Dax, which had been up 12 points at the opening, dropped by 9.9 points to 1,466.36. That was less than 6 points above the 1992 low of 1,460.63, which, dealers said, could be reached today. ☐ Singapore — Prices closed easier in dull trading and the market lacked new direction, brokers said. The Straits Times industrial index fell

2.82 points to 1,350.97 on 35.50 million shares, against 51.96 million on Tuesday. ☐ Sydney — Shares closed slightly weaker after a day of aimless wandering as booksquaring and the readjust-ment of portfolios absorbed investors on the last day of the quarter. The all-ordinaries index closed 2.7 points down at

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STOCK MARKET

City fears of hefty write-offs knock shares in TI Group

SHARES in TI Group, the engineer, slipped 18p to 272p as the City braced itself says that it is not just the for an announcement from the company today that is expected to contain massive write-offs after its acquisition of Dowty Group this year.

Analysts are predicting that TI will be forced to make provisions of between £75 million and £100 million after its attempts to restructure Dowty. TI paid £500 million for Dowty in June and within weeks discovered further interest rate cuts. It E22 million last year and not the £32.7 million claimed by the Dowty board in its de-

fence. It did not take analysts long to work out that Ti had paid too much for the aerospace and technolgroup was in far worse shape than anyone

right looks like costing T1 problems at Dowty that forced its hand. The outlook for TI generally appears bleak, with the company continuing to feel the effects of the

institutional investors. Fund

Bass fell 142p to 538p as analysts downgraded their pre-tax profit forecasts for the current year by about £40 million to £505 million. Brokers say that the group's public houses side remains sluggish, having been hit by the recession. The disposal of public houses under the Beer Orders is also causing problems and is likely to lead to hefty write-offs.

dearly. Kleinwort Benson, the interest rates also clouded stockbroker, added to TI's misery yesterday downgrading its profits forecast. It has cut its estimate for lion to £107 million and for

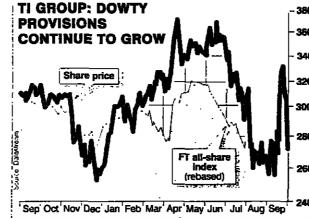
The rest of the equity market spent a lacklustre session as it pondered words of caution from Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor of the Bank of England, about quarter, which meant there was little fresh demand from

another cut in sentiment. As a result, genuine retail business was at a low ebb, with the turnover of 632 million shares bolstered by a

managers

spent a busy day squaring up their books and displaygeneral reluctance to open fresh positions. The pound's continued weakness against the mark after the Bundesbank played down speculation about

trades totalling £400 million



and reckoned to have been carried out by Goldman Sachs and Smith New Court. The FT-SE 100 index never recovered from an early markdown, but managed to almost halve its earlier fall of more than 22 points by the

close. It ended 12.5 points

lower at 2,553, helped by a rally on the futures market. Courtaulds, the chemicals group, was hit by a profits downgrading that left the shares 32p lower at 45op. ICI attempted to claw back some of this week's fall, stemming from a downgrading carried out by Hoare Govett, one of the group's joint brokers, this week. But after touching

Grand Metropolitan re-

mained out of favour with the price falling 182p to 395p as analysis continued downgrading their profit forecasts. County NatWest and James Capel are the latest brokers to take a more cautious view of group prospects. County has cut its forecast for the current year by £20 million to £930 million and blames problems

with the group's North American food business. jewellery chain, held steady at 92p despite plunging deeper into the red at the half-way stage. The figures from Ratners did nothing to help an already depressed retail £11.35, the price eventually Further losses were record-

ed in Dixons. 7p to 213p. Boots, 5p to 487p. Great settled a further 14p lower at Universal Stores A. 25p to

1\(\frac{1}{2}\)p to 324\(\frac{1}{2}\)p, Next, 1p to 98p, WH Smith A. 5p to 442p and Storehouse, 3p to 146p. Sears, the Dolcis, Saxone and Freeman Hardy & Willis stores group, eased 2p to 78p. Earlier this week the group announced plans to shut 350 of its 1200-strong chain of

£15.68, Kingfisher, 8p to

501p. Marks and Spencer,

Bank of Scotland eased 3p to 110p after reporting a small drop in half year pre-tax

The group said an improvement in margins had been 9p to 438p, Northumbrian masked by the

impact of unapplied interest on had and doubtful debts. Operating profits were at an alltime high. The rest of the banks were all marked low-

falgar dismissed claims Barclays that a Japanese buyer had down 14p at been found for Cunard as 337p, HSBC, "pure rumour". 6p at 394p, Lloyds 3p at 428p. and National West-

minster 1p to 357p. Cadbury Schweppes, the confectionery and soft drinks group, fell 5p to 447p after refusing to on the possibility of a joint

last year. The talks were later aborted. The water companies ap-peared to be back in vogue

venture with Suchard, the

Swiss confectionery group.

with some institutional investors expressing concern that the recession may continue to drag on.
The water companies are seen these days as a haven of

safety during times of economic hardship, with their level of charges linked to inflation. Their strong yields Gains were recorded across the board with Anglian rising

8p to 502p. North West 7p to 458p. Trafalgar House recovered from an early fall of 4p to Severn Trent finish 5p dearer at 60½p. The price has rallied strongly from its low of 39p 7p to 415p, Southern 7p in the past couple of weeks. West There is speculation that 10p to 436p.

Thames 2p to 453p, Wessex the group has found a buyer for Cunard or the 8p to 526p, and York-Ritz Hotel. Last night, Trashire 10p to 483p. New issue Kenwood. the household appliances

group, fell 19p to 219p after telling the City that sales during July and August had proved disappointing because of high stock levels.

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Index-linked bonds move ahead

INDEX-linked bonds sported gains of more than El as investors continued to take the view that long-term inflaof the pound's devaluation.

tion is set to rise in the wake Brokers reported further switching out of conventional long-dated issues and into inflation-proof bonds, a trend that left the likes of Treasury

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9 per cent 2008 nine ticks lower on the day at £77"/16. By contrast, index-linked 24 per cent 2020 surged £14 to £1203/s. Brokers say investors are becoming increasingly worried by predictions that inflation is set to rise to 5 per

On the futures market, the

another wobbly performance by the pound against the mark after the Bundesbank ruled out an imminent cut in German interest rates. As the pound touched DM2.50 on the foreign ex-changes, the future hit a low for the day of £967/s before

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Cutting deficits is unpleasant

oss Perot believes in tackling the difficult issues head on. The Texas millionaire, has reminded more cautious presidential votecatchers that the only way to tackle America's ingrained \$300 billion-a-year budget deficit is to raise taxes and cut spending. Petrol would bear a 50 cent per gallon tax, income tax rates would rise and more benefits be taxed; medical help for the elderly and for the poor would be cut, along with much else. The establishment response is predictable. This is not the right time to cut, recovery would be held back. Why not do this when times are better?

Similar strictures surrounded Sir Geoffrey Howe's 1981 Budget. Now Norman Lamont is being urged to take advantage of sterling's seeming temporary irrelevance to slash interest rates and compensate with a much tougher fiscal policy. Fine in theory, but why wreck the recovery by raising income tax by 7p in the pound to cut the PSBR by £15 billion, the sort of sum that might count as a serious rebalancing of policy. That is quite different from merely being tough on public spending, as Chancellors declare themselves each summer. In practice, cuts have to be less visible. Defence research looks perfect, but Tuesday's proposals save only £90 million a year. Even easier are cuts in big-figure projects that have not really started, such as London's Jubilee Line extension, the "European" Fighter Aircraft or the new rail link to the channel tunnel. They could sink whole industries but even those are not enough. Somebody has to lose what they already have. Favoured targets include civil servants, the elderly and those richer than the proposer. In the end, a seriously tighter fiscal policy must surely mean reducing the immediate spending power of most ordinary people near the bottom of a recession. Mr Perot has a message for Britain too.

Faded glitter

Ratners' shareholders meeting was already full of recrimination before James Jenkin of First Boston Corporation of New York, reminded the gathering that whatever the group's future, the preference shareholders would require a prominent say in any refinancing. We seem to have been here before, in the case at least of WPP Group, Brent Walker and Saatchi & Saatchi, where holders of specialised classes of equity issued in the boom years used their clout in subsequent refinancings. First Boston and other American fund managers are also nervous about a legal action by aggrieved Ratners preference shareholders against Goldman Sachs, and are marking their position accordingly.

As James McAdam, the matter-of-fact Scot who took over from Gerald Ratner as chairman, pointed out, there is some way to go before any talk of refinancing. Ramers owes £266 million at the last count, and neither bankers nor shareholders will even consider putting more money in until all-important Christmas trading is over Last Christmas, in what was effectively Gerald Ratners' last stand. prices were slashed in a desperate bid to pull customers into the shops. That contributed heavily to last year's £122 million losses. The strategy this Christmas will be to sacrifice turnover for margin. Some evidence of this came with the interim figures, showing sales down £85 million to £365 million. losses still virtually doubled to £23 million in Britain, although things improved in America.

Even if kindly Santa allows Ratners to consider a capital reorganisation in the new year, the negotiations to achieve that could be tortuous and ordinary shareholders will not emerge smiling.

British companies line up for the second Transcaucasus oil rush

BP faces risks in helping to revive

an ancient petropolis located in the former

Soviet Union, writes George Sivell in Baku

hen Marco Polo visited Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan in the former Soviet Union, he reported seeing "fires that cannot be put out." He was referring to the huge oil reservoirs around Baku that seep through the ground - not the nationalist tensions that surface in

A more recent visitor to Baku was Michael Heseltine. Earlier this week he leapt on top of a precarious stone in the centre of Bakir to give an informal speech to curious locals. The trade secretary immediately realised he was standing on the edge of a well but carried on regardless. He said: "It is a tribute to the stability of Azerbaijan that I am standing here with my back to the well, I would not dare risk

He was speaking at the end of a day that had seen Britain sign a general agreement on economic co-Operation with Azerbaijan to provide a framework for future co-operation. Three British companies signed associated memoranda of understand-ing, Simon Carves, the engineering group, GPT, the communications group, and the British Food and Healthcare Consortium. Other companies joining Mr Heseltine were Morgan Grenfell, ICI, British Gas (which has already negotiated exclusive rights to a huge gas field in Kazahkstan) Rolls-Royce, British Airways, Taylor Woodrow and

They were following up the success of BP in alliance with Statoil, the Norwegian state oil company, in winning exclusive negotiating rights to develop the huge billion barrel Chirak field 45 miles southeast of Baku in the Caspian Sea.

But why have British companies become as entranced by Azerbaijan as the ancient Zarustrian fire worshippers who regarded the oil-soaked land as a holy place? Britain is not alone in seeking trade with Azerbai-jan. Hafiz Babaev, minister for economic relations, said: "We have signed nine or ten such agreements with different countries. Each has a very specific approach." Agreements covering the oil, agriculture, chemical, food and non-terrous metals industries have been signed with Turkey, Egypt, Iran, Checkoslovakia, Poland, America and Saudi Arabia, he says. British links with Azerbaijan go

Rothschild family financed the 19th century oil boom in Baku, when the country produced more oil than anywhere else on earth. The British and French managed Russian, Armenian and American workers. Not all the memories are good. In August



1918, Britain tried to break up the power of the Bolshevik oil workers by shipping the 26 leading communist commissars to the far side of the Caspian Sea and shooting them. An eternal flame still burns in their memory near the Moscow hotel on a hill overlooking the town, the site of the huge cemetery where the dead from the Nagorno Karabakh conflict are buried.

Nagorno Karabakh is the disouted territory granted by the Bolsheviks to Azerbaijan. Since glasnost let the nationalist genie out of the Soviet bottle, Azerbaijan has opposed various demands from the Armenian population in Nagorno. As the conflict escalated, 2,000 died, all the 200,000 Armenians left Baku and an estimated 500,000 Azerbaijins returned to Baku from Nagorno territory. Lack of military success in Azerbaijan led to the toppling of a June and their replacement with the Azerbaijan Popular Front. To its credit, the Popular Front has sought contact with western companies. appears determined to exploit its huge natural resources and skilled

workforce and commands strong

support from the population. But political anlaysts are concerned that the Popular Front declared itself to be an umbrella group to focus opposition and embraces a broad range of views that could lead to a damaging

ut perhaps the greatest threat to stable business is that a lack of military success could erode support from the population. The latest ceasefire over Nagorno collapsed within hours on Friday, Azerbaijan's President Abulfaz Elchibey called for a summit of Russia, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Ukraine and Belarus to discuss the conflict.

Pavel Grachev, the Russian defence minister, said that CIS or United Nations peacekeeping forces would have to be sent into the region if the ceasefire failed. But Iskander Hamidov, the Azer-

television that Mr Grachev's reference to peacekeepers was nothing but a veiled form of aggression.

Meanwhile as Mr Heseltine and Lady Thatcher, also on a recent visit, continue to encourage democracy and market economies in Azerbaijan,

BP is preparing to open negotiations over the Chirak field. BP, too, is trying hard to improve life in Azerbaijan. On Monday, it donated an ultrasound scanner to Azerbaijan, the first in the country, and said it was setting up a business centre to train the country's next generation of managers in business studies and English.

BP has already done business in Azerbaijan. A set of piles for the Andrew field in the North Sea were recently finished in the Shelf Projectstroy yard in Baku. Both sides appear pleased with the experience. Yet despite its oil history, Baku appears to need BP technology for its new field. Existing Azerbaijan technology appears to extend only to depths of 150 metres of water, the new Chirak field lies in 200 metres.

Even without a war, the logistics of doing business in Baku are complex. The recent inauguration by Mr Heseltine of the BP office in the city's old medieval Muslim centre took place withou, much office furniture. It was lost in a lorry, somewhere between Turkey and Baku. But the office itself is of symbolic significance. It was built, in the shape of a ship, as the Baku Officers Club in 1901. After

the revolution the interior was destroyed and it became a carpet factory, then a museum of archeology and lately the site for regular meetings of the Popular Front during its

Azerbaijan and BP is how to transport the oil out of Azerbaijan. There are plenty of options. It could be shipped through neighbouring Georgia to the Black Sea port of Batumi. Georgia is unstable and unpredictable although there are longterm hopes that Eduard Shevardnadze, the former Soviet foreign minister, can bring stability with his presidency.

he oil could have gone down through Iran to the Gulf. But after President Melchibey of Azerbaijan accused the Iranians of being in cahoots with the Armenians this may be on the back burner for a while. The other possibilities are to build a pipeline to a Turkish Black Sea terminal. But Turkey is thought to want a port on the Mediterranean, requiring a very long pipeline. Any Turkish pipeline would involve a combination of Georgian, Armenian or Iranian transit. It would also be possible to build on the existing pipeline to Novorossivsk in Russia again on the Black Sea but this crosses the unstable Chechen Ingushetia area and involves cooperation with the Russians, whose influence has only just begun to

But earlier this month Azerbaijan joined the Caspian Pipeline Consortium, with Russia, Kazakhstan and Oman. History is again on the side of innovation. Because the Volga freezes for three months most winters, the Swedish Nobel brothers, who lent their name to the "prize" built the world's first oil pipeline, from wood, over the Caucasus mountains from Baku. BP and Statoil also have a 19 per cent interest in the giant Azeri field. The operator is Amoco, currently in the middle of a feasibility study. So far BP-Statoil said it is paying \$30 million for the exclusive rights to negotiate the Chirak field and the neighbouring Shak Deniz 200 sq km prospect and is putting up another \$10 million for the cost of the study. A further payment is due on ratification of the production-sharing contract at

the end of negotiations.

The danger for BP is twofold. A fragmented or unsupported popular front would be replaced by another government, presumably requiring fresh negotiations. And if the conflict dragged on, world opinion could sympathise with Armenia. Then sentiment would rub off on those who were seen to have helped Azerbaijan.

But for a company operating a new frontiers exploration policy that has taken it into Colombia, Vietnam and have to be taken in building up oil reserves for its future.

If the call for a summit heralds an end to the conflict, then BP's risk will have paid off, reversing the derivation of Baku's name from "bad kube" or bad winds.

Loch, stock and baptism

DAVID Melvin, a Willie Carson-lookalike and one of the rising stars of the mergers and acquisitions team at Merrill Lynch, came a cropper during a hectic airborne dash to a christening in Scotland on Sunday and found himself immersed in cold water of a very different kind. Melvin. 32, and his wife of three months, Ali Stephens - a broker with Bownings — had worked out that if they took a scheduled shuttle flight to Glasgow and then a sea plane to Tarbert, on the west coast, they could attend both a university reunion party in Cambridge on Saturday night and a niece's christening in Scotland on Sunday morning. Tarbert, described by one of Melvin's associates as "like the town in Local Hero", was on red alert for the arrival of the sea plane, with all its inhabitants turning out to observe these two jet setters from London. As Meivin stepped off its floats, however, onto a fishing crate kindly provided by the commodore of Tarbert yacht club, he continued to sink, as rotten planks of wood gave way beneath him, until he was up to his knees in water. "You bet I was embarrassed," says Melvin, who claims that he then did the chivalrous thing and proceeded to carry his wife to safety.

IS IT blood or money they are after? The Inland Revenue is

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Everyone thought it was hi-

larious, including me, and we

missed the service because 1

had to go and change my trousers," said Melvin, "Fortu-

nately, no one at work knows





They now have a new 10p to replace the pound"

High Court in October and one of the top tax inspectors giving evidence happens to go by the name of Peter Cushing. He is, of course, not the bloodsucking star of countless Hol-Hammer horror movies, but it could prove an ominous coincidence for the

Gone to the dogs

THE Terrence Collis fan club will be out in force tonight at the Wimbledon dog track. "Terrence who?" you might well ask. Nevertheless, five of the 12 races tonight have been named after him. Among them are the "Farewell to Terrence" race and the "Welcome. Tel" race, with only one, the Who is this man?" race reflecting the thoughts of the average punter. For Collis is not the latest star on Brookside but the former public relations man at Vickers. He left last week to join Lowe Bell, the City pubic reations group, as its managing director, and the two firms are sponsoring toto raise money for the London Central Samaritans, of which Collis is a past chairman. Collis admits that "most race goers will be totally confused" but after years of promoting others he seems to enjoy being the recipient of a public reations exercise. "It's all in a good cause." he says.

Turn the stone

RATNERS, fined £1,000 last month when a pair of "opal" earrings turned out to be plastic — they cost just £3.50 and melted when being tested has finally taken steps to improve its reputation. At its annual meeting yesterday, in London's Connaught Rooms, it disclosed that it now employs a trading standards officer. Gary Cullimore, formerly a government trading . standards inspector, is responsible for due diligence at Ratners to ensure that £325 'diamond" rings are indeed what they purport to be. James McAdam, the Scotsman who is the jewellers' new chairman, is now hoping that Ratners image will improve and says if it does, the company will probably retain the Ratners name. McAdam revealed, however, that, by way of an experiment, several Ratners shops, which are believed to have been tarnished by the comments of Gerald Ratner last year, have been converted to the James Walker name instead. This exercise "failed materially to improve trading". However, McAdam says the Ratners name may yet have to disappear. "It's not discounted. We have definitely not got a closed mind," he says.

SUSINES ETERS CAA gives peace of mind on holidays

From Mr William Heath Sir. As both a solicitor in private practice and a director of a travel agency may I comment on the letter from Mr Stanley Lerner (September 26). Mr Lerner was suggesting travel businesses should place all clients' deposits in a client deposit account similar to solicitors.

Solicitors do, of course, keep

dients' money in separate accounts from their own. Unhappily, from time to time, the two become confused. The Law Society operates a Compensation Fund to which every solicitor is obliged to contribute to cover losses on such oc casions. This year, the contribution for each of 50,000 solicitors will be £1,050 per head. (I should mention that. on average, each of those solicitors have to pay a further £5,000 or so in respect of practising certificate fee, pro-fessional indemnity insurance, and for regulation under

the Financial Services Act). Travel companies operate under a different system. Those which do not act as direct agents for the airline concerned or do sell airline

tickets plus other services as well, e.g. accommodation or car hire, should be licensed by the Civil Aviation Authority Such licences are granted against the security of a bond (which is effectively a guarantee from one of the big banks). Should anything go wrong, then the bond is called in from the bank, and the money available is used either to repay the passengers who have not yet travelled, or to repatriate those who have. The CAA operates a reserve fund in case

the bond is not sufficient. When next he thinks of booking a holiday, Mr Lerner should telephone the CAA on 071 832 5620 and ask for confirmation first that the company with whom he is making the booking has an ATOL licence, and secondly the extent that licence covers what arrangements, in addition to travel, he proposes to

WILLIAM HÉATH, William Heath and Co. Director, Trailfinders Ltd., Sussex Gardens, W2.

Less pay, more work will solve our problems

(September 24) is either a young man with a mortgage or an older man with a short memory. Time after time since the last war we have devalued. cut the value of savings, experienced a false dawn of export activity and then again faced a balance of payments deficit. Surely it must now be appreciated altering the unit of measurement clouds business judgments, by allowing management to think prices must rise; and thus yielding to union pressure for pay rises, shorter working weeks and longer holidays. Then we can-CAROL LEONARD | not produce goods at prices allowing sales worldwide. Tin-

a 44-hour week at 40-hour wages and salary cuts for K.W.BERRY 30 Waterloo Mansions. Dover, Kent.

Sir, Mr Michael J. Barrett

kering with the unit of account and the means of exchange has resulted in a system whereby we cannot be sure the value of the output exceeds the costs of the import, thus failing to attain a sound business base. Perhaps the real need is for

directors. Perhaps then the burden of the necessary transfer of resources to restore efficiency to British Business will be borne by those responsible for the state of the economy. Yours faithfully,



Bank of Scotland 1992 **Interim Results**

	6 months ended 31 August 1992 (enaudited)	6 months ended 31 August 1991 (unaudited)	Year ended 29 February 1992
OPERATING PROFIT BEFORE PROVISIONS	£207.1m	£200.8m	£393.3m
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	£74.2m	£75.7m	£140.7m
TOTAL CAPITAL RESOURCES	£1,981m	£2,001m	£2,132m
TOTAL ASSETS	£26,899m	£23,937m	£24,741m
EARNINGS PER ORDINARY STOCK UNIT	3.2p	3.6p	6.4p
DIVIDEND PER ORDINARY STOCK UNIT	1.77p ·	1.7p .	4.35p

Pre-tax profit £74.2 million

Net dividend increased by 4 per cent

Total assets increased by 12 per cent from a year ago

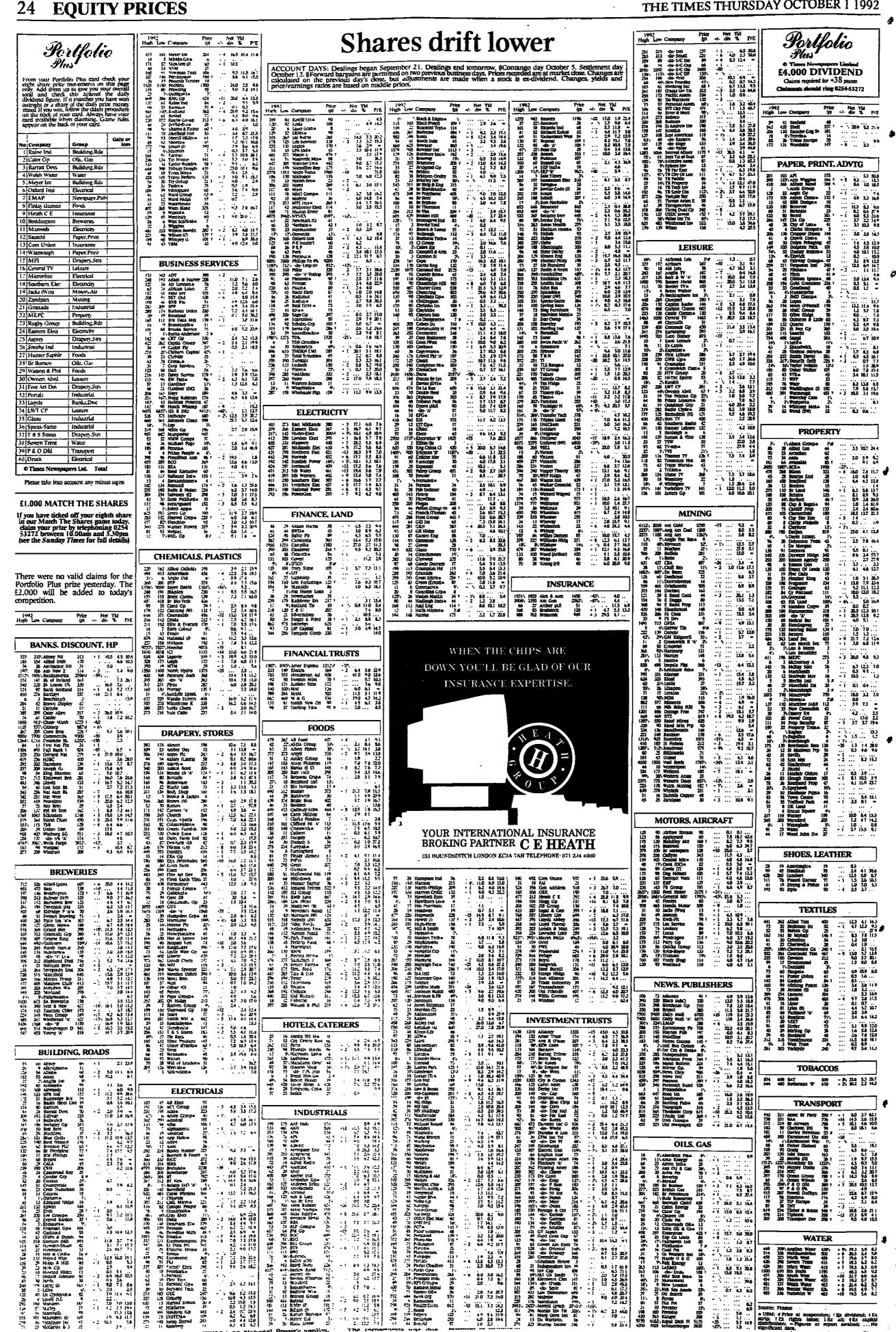


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to reduce capacity and cut jobs

NATIONAL Power and its smaller power generating competitor, PowerGen, are to make more than 200 staff redundant following decisions yesterday to close power stations or reduce capacity and make other cutbacks.

The two generators say the stations are uneconomic and blame reduced demand for the closures. Power units at 11 stations are affected.

National Power will make: 100 staff redundant in clo-sures and cutbacks that will reduce its generating capacity by 1.530 megawatts to 25,000

megawatts of plant.
John Baker, National Power's chief executive, said the generator was likely to close up. to an additional 3,500 megawatts of capacity over the next three years. The company is seeking planning permission to build 3,000 megawatts of gas-fired power plant, which it hopes to put into commercial generation by the middle of the decade.

PowerGen will lose 120 staff in the closure and cutbacks of unprofitable stations at the end of March, reducing capacity by 1,200 megawatts, though it is also scheduled to open 900 megawatts of natural gas-fired plant. The moves will reduce its capacity to

16,386 by April. National Power has already withdrawn 3,000 megawatts of plant from service and PowerGen 2,000 megawatts since the generators were formed in January 1990. At National Power, most of the jobs will go from its Agecroft power station near Manchester. The company said 95 staff are likely to be affected redundancy. The rest of the jobs will go from the closures of other stations, mostly coalfired, in South Glamorgan, Gwent and Derbyshire and from gas turbine stations in Merseyside and North

Most of the PowerGen job losses will come from the closure of four of the six units at its Drakelow B station at Castle Donington in the Midlands. A spokeswoman said Drakelow B is more than 30 years old and produces less than I per cent of the compa-

ny's total power output.

She added that the two units that will remain in production will continue to burn a similar volume of coal for the national grid system. PowerGen is also closing two gas turbine stations, one at Bulls Bridge in Hayes, Middlesex, the other in Leicester. The spokesworn an said both ran for less than five hours in the 1991-2 financial year. She said the plants scheduled for closure are all uneconomic, and together are expected to lose between £11.5 million and £18.5 million in this financial year. If they remained in production that figure would increase by an additional £2

Yesterday, PowerGen also began commercial generation at its 900 megawatt natural gas-fired Killingholme power station in South Humberside. The first 450-megawatt unit of the combined gas turbine station has come on stream, to be followed by a second unit early next year. PowerGen said when fully operational, the station will be able to meet the electricity needs of a city

Jobless in Scotland 'likely to increase'

BY A CORRESPONDENT

UNEMPLOYMENT in Scot- unemployment and long-term land is set to rise from its 'employment prevails.' This present level of 243,000 to a would provide direction and peak of 282,000 next year. It would then slowly fall back to 255.000 - but not until 1996, said the Fraser of Allander Institute, a Scottish economic research body based

at Strathclyde University. People already out of work could expect to stay longer on the dole queues and government measures were needed to tackle the problem, the institute said in its monthly economic review. "The return of something like the former Community Programme is urgently needed, especially in the urban and other areas where high and persistent purpose to those who presently have no chance of participating in the formal labour market, and help avoid the adverse social consequences of sustained joblessness," it said.

It predicts demand in the Scottish economy will rally in the second half of this year but recovery will not become

strongly rooted until 1993. The recent turmoil in the European exchange-rate mechanism would boost the real economy but rising unemployment in July and August suggested any "significant" upturn would not take place

US gives Europe noon deadline in oilseeds dispute

FROM REUTER IN GENEVA

AMERICA has given the European Community until noon today to agree to set up a Gatt panel to rule on a sixyear-old dispute over oilseeds. The two trading blocs failed on Tuesday to agree that a neutral panel should determine how much compensation the EC would pay to trading partners injured by European subsidies.

Rufus Yerxa, US trade ambassador, stopped short of threatening punitive sanctions by Washington if the Community rejected the idea of a binding Gatt ruling. He told a news briefing that after noon today. America "would not advise any further council debate, because it is obvious it won't be resolved in the Gatt". Washington "would have to reflect on the next steps", he

Mr Yerxa said America had given the Community a new proposal that would empower a panel to set compensation and also give countries deemed to have been damaged a right to retaliate if the EC failed to implement the

panel's recommendations. "Our proposal is to arbitrate the amount of damages and give parties the right to take counter-measures." The latest American offer on the offseeds dispute would give aggrieved parties the right to "withdraw or suspend" trade concessions if the EC failed to implement a - damages



Yerza: no more talk

panel report within 30 days. Twice before, neutral Gatt dispute panels have upheld American opposition to EC subsidies on oilseeds. The first ruling was in January 1990 and the second in March this

America estimates that EC subsidies to farmers cost American and other non-European exporters about \$2 billion annually. Washington has threated to impose punitive tariffs on EC food and drink imports worth \$1

In consultations with trading partners, the EC has offered \$400 million to compensate for restricted market access. Nine other grain exporting states are also negotiating with the EC for

Generators Kilroy-Silk points his microphone at corporate market



Kilroy is here: Robert Kilroy-Silk wants to be taken seriously

show, is, according to his critics, too good looking, too suntamoed and 100 vain. Opimion is divided as to whether he has or lacks sex appeal, but when it comes to anything other than his physical attributes those opinions seem to fizzle out altogether.

Like a beautiful woman, enasperated by assumptions that she cannot have any grey cells between her ears, Mr Kilroy-Silk — with an economics degree, a Phd and an earlier career as a political philosophy lecturer to back im up - insists he wants to be taken seriously, so seriousthat he is launching Kilroy Corporate, with expectations that FT-SE 100 companies will allow him to run amok with his microphone at annual employee or shareholder neetings, encouraging the audience to put board mem-

bers on the spot.
"Several companies have already expressed an inter-est," he said, "and one company in the top 100 has ap-proached us to see if it would be a suitable way for them to It wants to be seen as more accessible and onen "

Such accessibility does not, however, come cheap. Mr

ROBERT Kilroy-Silk host of BBC1's mid-morning that The former Labour MP turned television chat show host unveils his new business

venture. Carol Leonard reports

Kilroy-Silk is coy about his on them. If you get on the fees but estimates that the side of the audience like that Starting price is likely to be in excess of £20,000.

He has aiready used what he calls "the Kilroy forum" to "revitalise" a ten-vear-old product for SmithKline Beccham. He forgets the name of the product, but recalls 200 salesmen and women asking questions. When Glaxo wanted to launch an anti-asthma drug, it called in Mr Kilroy-Silk to extract questions from an audience of doctors and nurses, and his production company then dispatched video tapes of the debate to doctors all over Britain.

"it's a means whereby you can have a discussion with a group of people, small or large, where they are all treated as equal and everybody can participate," he enthuses. "We can make complex subjects accessible and no one will go to sleep because I will be marauding around with my microphone. We research an audience to find out what their particular grievances are and then pick and energise them, they are likely to ask more provocative questions than they would do otherwise. If a management is confident of itself and its business, it can handle that."

Mr Kilroy-Silk might be

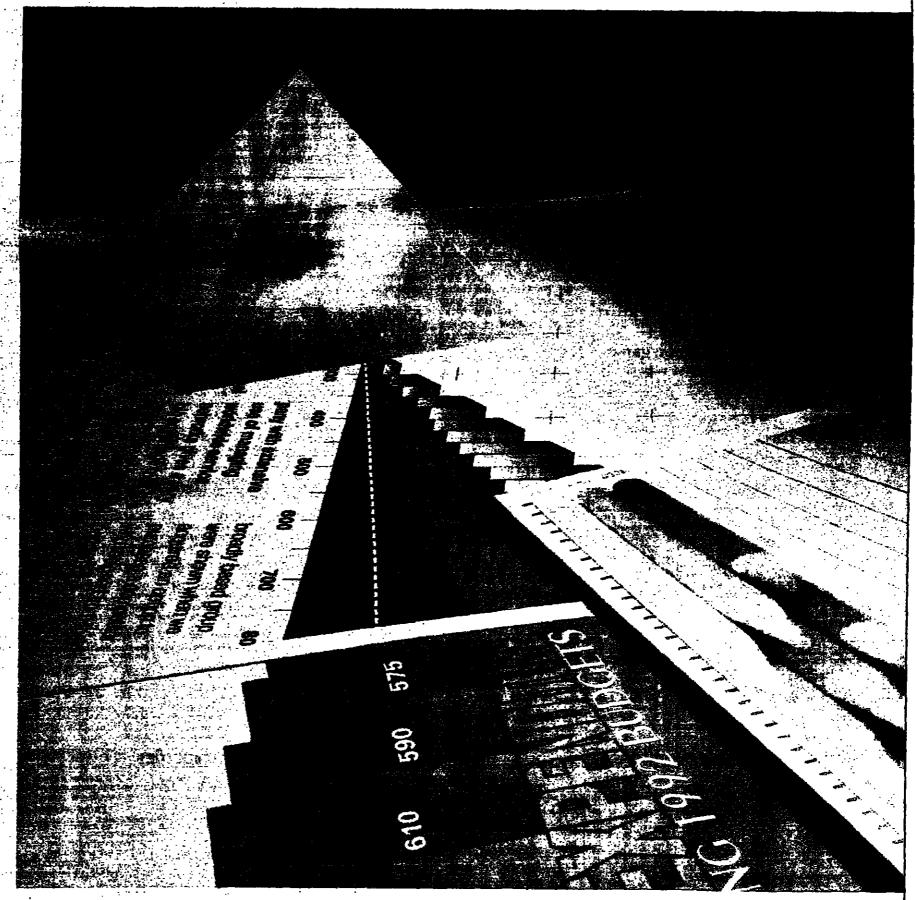
talking his own book, but if his own business track record is anything to go by he should at least be given a hearing. When he resigned as the Labour member for Knowsley North after a running battle with Militant, he was on a salary, doubled by freelance writing, of £26,000. He was then 42. Three years later, he was a millionaire. Now 50. his business turns over E3 million a year and he employs 30 people. He divides his time between homes in Buckinghamshire and Spain but denies that he has ever been motivated by money alone, merely as a means to an end. Most of my colleagues at university are now in public service of one sort or another," he said. "They have become MPs or run colleges

snobbery which says that money is not important." His attitude to money may have modified but his politics have not. He admits, reluctantly. that in the last general election he voted Labour. "I really didn't want to because I didn't think they were a credible alternative but when I got into the ballot box it became an emotional thing."

He agrees he is unlikely to find longer-term satisfaction in the worlds of television or corporate videos and PR. "Whatever it is I'm looking for, I haven't found it yet. I don't even know if I'm still looking for it because I feel so comfortable and relaxed but stretched. And yes, I do think I will end up doing some-

thing else at some stage." A return to politics then? "It is something that is at the back of my mind," he said. "Once you have been a politician you are always a politician. You never change. would like to be remembered as the sort of person who believes in justice and who makes sure it gets done. I don't think there is a higher calling than being called upon to help to run your

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Change in the tax rules would give fairer help to charities

WITH an annual turnover of about £18 billion, charity has become one of the biggest industries in Britain, attracting many highly-qualified young people into its management and the business attentions of investment institutions and accountants.

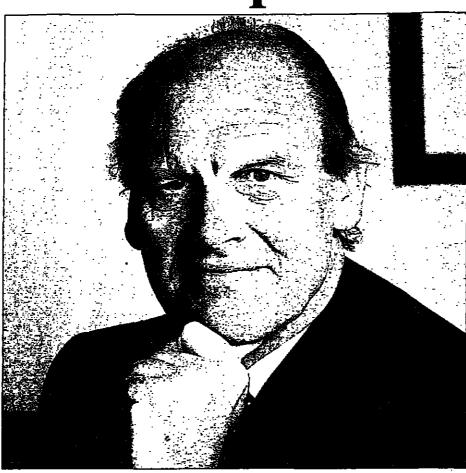
Charities exist to spend public donations on chosen causes with as little waste as possible. Sadly, we have a vast muddle arising out of a tottering structure of rules and pracrices, many of them a century out of date. In extreme cases charities continue to function. when, if they were companies. they would be insolvent.

Financial accounts are fine for monitoring a commercial business but are of much less value when you want to find out how effectively your fa-vourite charity is performing. They are designed to show profit or loss, not the benefits which should be the endproducts of charities.

Accounting should shed light on the charity's financ-ing. Instead it has become an art form to project the picture the charity wants to show to the world. Annual reports of Britain's top ten charities display a bewildering variety of bottom line descriptions: funding requirement, deficit to general fund, operating surplus for the year, income less expenditure and surplus of income. Two appear to go round in circles, avoiding anything as revealing as a hottom line. The answers to how the charity is actually doing are often to be found in the middle of the accounts.

Pity the average donor who seeks information. Some charities like to appear hard-up. Two show a deficit for the year by posting legacies which they have received during that year straight into their capital

Surely charities should have



Value judgments: Alec Reed, who says charity accounting has become an art form

"perks" of their top employees. Are some of them justified in elevating, to the status of "benefits", the costs for items such as awareness campaigns? Precious little can be learnt

by examining charity assets. If a charity is given a property, it is under no compulsion to put it in the books. In the case of rich charities, some valuable land and property holdings are virtually concealed from the vulgar gaze by low

Equally, a hard-up charity can give an impression of solvency by over-valuing. The

to reveal the salaries and values of shares portfolios can future donor and your name be shown at enormous variance with their true values at the time of reporting. If they are donated, there is no compulsion to put them into the books at all.

At present, the system is unfairly loaded towards the oldest and richest charities. The system makes it difficult. if not impossible, for new charities to survive.

Securing a new donor to a charity is an expensive business. If you respond to an advertisement and send a £15 donation, you identify yourself to that charity as a potential

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Rawlins, chief executive of the

will be treasured in the computers. But the marketing cost to the charity of getting your name may easily have been as

much as £25. No wonder older charities tend to dominate. They enjoy priceless covenant and legacy incomes to which givers have committed themselves for

years ahead. The core of the problem is that tax concessions for charities are provided at the "giving" stage. Tax concessions are worth about £1 billion a year, almost 5 per cent of charities' total income, but the

system is geared to the tradi-tional middle-class charity giver who makes use of covenants and legacies. It takes no account of modern instant fund-raising techniques such as charity concerts, broadcast phone-ins and popular forms

of quick response giving by cash, cheque or credit card. Worse, the system makes government lose control of revenues. Rich people who leave large sums tax free to charity are effectively redistrib-uting large sums of the state's income.

The government could aid charities much more fairly by a simple change in taxation. Instead of tax concessions being provided at the "giving" stage they should be trans-ferred to the stage when the charity actually spends money. A payment of 7 per cent by

the Revenue on all qualifying charity spending would amount to slightly more than the present total tax concession of El billion a year. In return, tax concessions on donations would be abolished.

Under existing rules, most charities do not obtain tax concessions equal to 7 per cent of their total spending. They should welcome the new sys-

Only the charities that do not spend the donations they receive would see their funding reduced. The majority of the ten biggest would fall into

this category, I calculate. Such a concession could do wonders for the health of the British charity industry, helping new charities to start up. It would ensure that charities received money due from the government at the time they actually spend it. They would not be tempted to leave it in

Alec Reed, chairman of Reed Executive, is a vice-president of Charity Forum, and devised a rescue plan for the charity War on Want

exciting. Delegates who are not whisked off to the golf course will be treated to a food and music "spectacular" at the National Motor Cycle Museum. Nexia was formed in 1990 through the merger of NR International and Spicer & Oppenheim International.

at the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales rolls on, favouring internal expert against outside professional. Ruth Eisenberg. deputy director, practice regulation, will take over as direc-tor of communications from October 19.

JON ASHWORTH

Caparo — the start of a suitable case for treatment

ROBERT

BRUCE

he Caparo judgment has always been an embarrassment to the accountancy profession. But, at the same time, it is a terribly convenient way of getting off the litigation hook. So it is not surprising that the profession is equivocal, to put it mildly, about the subject.

The judgment itself was simple. Caparo Industries plc had shares in Fidelity plc. The profits in Fidelity fell and so did the share price. So Caparo bought more and then took over the company. Then it claimed the figures were wrong, profits should have been losses, and demanded that as it had relied on the audited accounts in making the takeover the auditors should foot the bill

The House of Lords eventually said no. The auditor's duty of care extended only to the client company or its shareholders as a body. Caparo had no right to sue either as an investor or as an individual shareholder in

There is an obvious legal logic in that. But it does not sit well with an accountancy profession that is attempting to convince everyone that it is there to act in the greater public interest.

If anything, the conclusion from the Caparo decision has proved the cynics' views right: audited accounts are of no value to anyone and auditors are answerable to no one.

The case for change is obvious. But it is hard to see how it is going to come about. The Cadbury report on financial aspects of corporate governance showed that the committee had grappled with the problem but had then decided to leave it to someone else. The appendix summing up the Caparo controversy, which it published with its report, is a fine start for a debate.

What is now required is a development of those thoughts. And in case Cadbury had hoped that it could get away

with leaving it at that, a variety of bodies responding to the report have underlined the need for clearer guidance. The Association of British Insurers, for example, wants some action on the rights of individual shareholders and the robust Nat-

ional Association of Pension Funds argues that "it is our view that the law should be changed to better meet the reasonable expectations of investors".

Accountants would probably be happy to see their duty of care widered if they thought it would not just result in lawyers and investors hammering them for millions whenever a company went bust.

The problem is how to bring this about in a away with murder, to say nothing of lawyers. Help may be at hand from overseas. A coalition of business interests in America is lobbying for damages to be limited to the proportion for which the auditors can be shown to be directly responsible. And a decision at the end of August now means that in California negligence suits against auditors

can be brought only by clients. The most significant event to aid the accountancy profession's case occurred in Australia in July. There, a company called AWA discovered that although its bright young foreign exchange manager had produced profits that exceeded budget by 400 per cent over a two-year period, the reality was that it had suffered enormous losses in foreign exchange transactions.

The auditors were sued but counter-claimed on the grounds that a decent internal control system had not been set up and that, despite their warnings that problems were likely, senior management had taken no action and so were just as liable.

Tackling the problem head-on, the judge in the case posed the question: "Why should the negligent auditor be exposed to the payment of the whole of the loss where much of the damage lies at the door of senior manage ment?" He then answered his own question. 'I cannot accept", he said, "that a corporation is entitled to abdicate all responsibility for proper management of the financial aspects of its operation and then, when loss is suffered, to seek to attribute the entirety of the blame to its auditors.

"In such circumstances", he continued, "proper principles of alloca-tion of responsibilities call for

apportionment of fault." The result of the case reflected just that. The auditors were found to have been negligent, but so were the senior management. The auditors had been filing management letters drawing attention to the lack of internal control. No one had done anything about them, but the auditors' doubts had not reached board level.

It was argued that, knowing management was taking no action, the auditors had a duty to take their worries direct to the board. For their part, the chief

executive officer and the se-

nior management were found to have contributed to the negligence by not taking action over the auditors' doubts and for not having limited and controlled the foreign exchange manager properly in the

All this has a logic and a startling whiff about it of letting the punishment fit the

For far too long the accountancy profession in this country has let itself be caught between doing what its insurers tell it and not wishing to be seen to be avoiding its responsibilities.

It is probably time to be putting in a court appearance, taking whatever rap is justified, but also ensuring that a just proportion of negligence is borne by the directors and management whose actions the accountants. management whose actions the accountants

Once the courts accept the reality that directors and management contribute at least as much to corporate failures as auditors we could start a sensible debate about extending the scope of a duty of care and getting rid of

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MANY of the biggest names in British insolvency flew to Prague for their annual kneesup with continental colleagues. The guest list read like an average City page in Hamilton, Stephen Adamson, Ian Bond, Neil Cooper and Christopher Morris, to name a few. Why Prague? It seems companies are going bust in former Eastern block countries as quickly as in Britain, and there is nothing like the scent of new business. Insolvency skills were alien there, so

have had enough practice - is at a premium. Not surprisingly, the British delegation was the biggest, followed by the French and the Dutch, but the list was not quite complete.

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results, Keron Bhattacharya says THE credit for the advent of tion and overhead absorption. double entry book-keeping or the birth of modern accounrancy is assigned to Fra Pacioli, a Venetian, about 500 years ago. Historians claim that accounting records had existed in some form for thousands of years. In spite of all that experience, a basic profit statement or balance sheet of any company conveys meaningless information.

Half a century ago, the accountant had basically three financial control systems standard costing, budgetary control and variance analysis. Surprisingly, they are still prevalent in their original form, guided by a convention

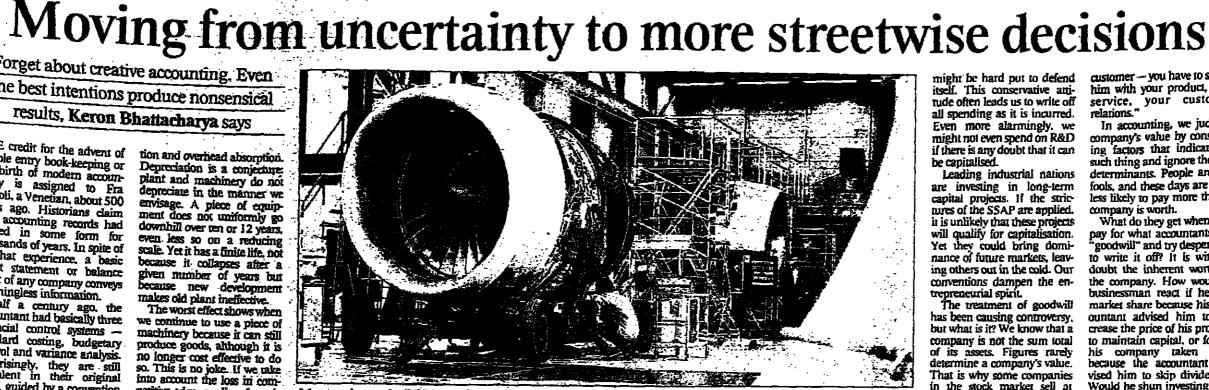
that defines "cost" as a fact.
This fixed notion is so far removed from reality that it often leads to confusion. Many a managing director faces frustrations trying to grapple with the simple problem of deciphering whether marginal or absorption cost-

ing is providing the true cost. Nothing in the accountancy world can be viewed with clarity. Everything is grey and it is becoming greyer as every day passes. Two areas could alter the cost scenario without any basic change - deprecia-

Depreciation is a conjecture: plant and machinery do not depreciate in the manner we envisage. A piece of equipment does not uniformly go downhill over ten or 12 years. even less so on a reducing scale. Yet it has a finite life, not because it collapses after a given number of years but because new development makes old plant ineffective. The worst effect shows when

we continue to use a piece of machinery because it can still produce goods, although it is no longer cost effective to do so. This is no joke. If we take into account the loss in competitive edge, quality of goods and market share due to an old machine, quantify them over the future, then discount cash flow, very likely we will come up with a hefty negative asset value. If the asset has a negative value how do we calculate depreciation?

The concept of overhead allocation is a labyrinth. I have often seen how the process degenerates, even with the best intentions. Most predators look for firms with high overheads because they know that savings could be made there and profit generated.



Moneyspinner: the RB211 engine broke Rolls-Royce but became a success; its audit treatment still causes dispute

Cost cutting can be both simple and effective, but the proponents of overheads play the game astutely. As overhead costs are removed from actual production, they use a different ploy—"charge out". If the costs are charged to a large number of recipients, the size of this cost remains hid-

der and nobody questions it.

The chief executive rarely looks at the total cost of the overhead centre. He is satisfied if the costs are charged out. The onus of justification

moves from the department that spends money and incurs costs to the one on the receiving end who has no control over them; the manager saddied with the charge, for socalled facilities he might nor even know about, might not save a penny for the organisation by stopping consuming

At the end of the day, we have a profit figure that is highly notional, if not a total

offer meaningful business information. On that basis we smugly calculate earnings or return on investment.

Some of our inherited accounting standards are hardly assisting us to make streetwise decisions. Two examples are the SSAPs on research and developments (R&D) and goodwill. Treat-ment of R&D spending has been controversial for a long highly notional, if not a total time. Proponents of a strict myth, and a balance sheet that is rarely credible enough to problem that Rolls-Royce

faced with the RR211 engine when the government had to

bail it out in 1971. R&D spending often holds the key to a company's success and long-term survival. The SSAP on R&D, however, is fairly stringent. Before capitalisation is allowed, the standard requires details of market conditions, outside opinion of the project, likely future income from it and financial resources to complete it. A company with even the most viable R&D programmes

might be hard put to defend itself. This conservative anitude often leads us to write off all spending as it is incurred. Even more alarmingly, we might not even spend on R&D if there is any doubt that it can be capitalised.

Leading industrial nations are investing in long-term capital projects. If the strictures of the SSAP are applied. ir is unlikely that these projects will qualify for capitalisation. Yet they could bring dominance of future markets, leaving others out in the cold. Our conventions dampen the en-

trepreneurial spirit. The treatment of goodwill has been causing controversy, but what is it? We know that a company is not the sum total of its assets. Figures rarely determine a company's value. That is why some companies in the stock market sell at multiples of annual earnings two or three times the competitor's or market capitalisation far in excess of capital employed. We all know why. Perhaps the company can boast dynamic management. dominant market share, a competent co-operative work-force, high R&D spending and enviable customer satis-

These are not items that you find in a balance sheet. But as Ted Levitt, of Harvard Business School, said: "You can buy a balance sheet item any day but you can't buy a

him with your product, your service, your customer relations."

In accounting, we judge a company's value by considering factors that indicate no such thing and ignore the real determinants. People are not fools, and these days are even less likely to pay more than a company is worth.

What do they get when they pay for what accountants call "goodwill" and try desperately to write it off? It is without doubt the inherent worth of the company. How would a businessman react if he lost market share because his accountant advised him to increase the price of his product to maintain capital, or found his company taken over because the accountant advised him to skip dividends? Would he shun investing in a risky venture and become less competitive because his accountant insisted the venture's borrowing be shown as his

It would be sad indeed if accountants did not keep their wits sufficiently about them and face reality. They must play a positive and aggressive role if they want to maintain their business leadership.

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Sayyedati strengthens Guineas claim

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

LYRIC Fantasy's remarkable 'always look at it constructively. run came to an end in the Tattersalls Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket yesterday when she lost out to Sayyedati - and questionable

The hitherto unbeaten "pocket rocket", attempting six furlongs for the first time. was visibly restrained by Michael Roberts over the first two furlongs - possibly because of stamina worries rather than being allowed to use her speed to stretch the

The change in tactics en-abled Walter Swinburn and Sayyedati to set a sedate gallop for the first half of the race before quickening the pace

Suddenly Lyric Fantasy was in trouble and appeared unbalanced as she attempted to close the gap. Swinburn, a bigrace rider par excellence, never had a worry as Sayyedati stretched out impressively over the final furlongs to win by two lengths.
It would be unfair to Clive

Brittain's filly - now as low as 5-2 favourite for next season's 1,000 Guineas - to say she would not have won if the runner-up had been allowed to fly from the stalls.

But the reservations about the tactics were dearly on the mind of Richard Hannon, trainer of Lyric Fantasy, after "It might have been better if

we had let her run. We had half a feeling Clive would try and make her get the trip. (thought they would go a lot

"I knew mine had gone in her coat, but she had been working well and I thought she would run well. She might have had a harder race in the Nunthorpe Stakes than we thought. I think the winner is

probably good, very good."

Brittain, recording his eighth group one success of the season, was convinced Sayyedati had won fair and square. "If Lyric Fantasy was below par. so were the others. I We had to come here to beat her. Now we have beaten her. we are the best."

While the big bookmakers were changing their ante-post prices for the 1,000 Guineas 4-1 with William Hill, 7-2 with Corals and 5-2 with Ladbrokes - the master of Cariburg House hinted his bevy of top-class fillies might enable him to run Sayyedari against the colts in the 2,000 Guineas. (Corals offer 10-1).

There is a lot of talking and dreaming to do. It might be the 2,000 Guineas for Sayyedati if Sueboog and another nice filly I have got do their stuff," he said. Aneesati. who makes her debut at Newmarket on Saturday, is the other filly in question."

Roberts, who could have ridden Sayyedati, is unlikely to partner her again as Swinburn's retainer with Maktoum Al-Maktoum has been extened to cover horses owned by Mohammed

Blyton Lad appears to re-serve his best for Newmarket in the autumn and almost certainly set a unique record when winning the Rous Stakes for the third successive vear - and three different

Now in the care of Maurice Camacho, after spells with John Balding and William Pearce, the six-year-old obliged despite spreading a plate and pricking his foot when he arriving at Newmarket on Tuesday.

"He loves this place because it is a stiff five, which is what he wants," Camacho said. Jeremy Glover's marvellous

run continued when Cold Shower won the Shadwell Stud Apprentice' Series Final and boosted his hopes that Rambo's Hall will run a big race in the Cambridgeshire on

"The horses are running out of their skins now and I am not doing anything different When you get this job right, it



Classic contender: Clive Brittain's talented filly Sayyedati storms clear for a two-length victory over Lyric Fantasy in the Tattersails Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket yesterday

Maktoums should offer explanation for sales boycott

THE MAKTOUMS are the say responsible, to explain the most powerful family in rac-

responsibility.
The sudden decision to boycott this week's Tattersalls sales is regrettable, but could be understandable if they explained why.
If the order not to buy at

one of Europe's top sales is a protest at the unforgiveable bungling by the government over the VAT rate for blood-stock in Britain, the protest is

If their refusal to bid is aimed at showing the government their disgust with the state of British racing and, in particular, the low level of prize-money it would have considerable support — al-though probably limited

If the reason is more straightforward - the family has more than enough horses and its needs will be catered for in the foreseeable future by home-breds — so be it.

I understand the recent remarks made by Michael Watt, chairman of Tattersalls, concerning the diminished stud value of Arazi are not the reason for shunning the sales.

Given the sheer scale of their purchasing power which has been witnessed in recent years, the lack of explanation over this week's events is inconsiderate, to say the least. it would be courteous, not to Houghton sales and to state how long the boycott will last - given the impact.

According to sales ring rumour, the order not to buy yearlings came from Maktoum Al-Maktoum, whose advisers are currently inspecting prospective stables in Germany Confirmation was not forthcoming from Maktoum sources at

Angus Gold and Anthony Stroud racing managers to Hamdan Al-Maktoum and Shaikh Mohammed, were both unable to cast light on the policy change.

An official statement out-

lining the reasons behind the radical action will be forthcoming it was suggested obliquely.

sooner rather than later. Continued silence will serve only to fuel worrying speculation that the Maktoums are con-sidering reducing their racing interests in Britain.

It is understood that the Maktoums will be buying at Goffs Sales in Ireland next week, but the mood at Tattersalls yesterday morning was akin to that of a funeral. Half Tuesday's "sales" involved vendors buying in their own yearlings, according to trainers and breeders.

Cauthen on Mashaallah

STEVE Cauthen will team up The John Gosden-trained with Mashaallah in the Prix colt was one of 16 horses de l'Arc de Triomphe on Sunday as he continues his quest for an initial success in Europe's leading middle-dis-

Mashaallah, winner of the irish St Leger ten days ago, was confirmed a definite runstanding their ground at yesterday's forfeit stage.

The list should be increased to 18 today when the Irish filly Market Booster and Criquette Head's Perit Loup are expected to be supplemented. Richard Quinn rides Sapience for

SPORTS LETTERS

Driver safety is top concern for Indy cars

From Mr Brian Sims

Sir, The former Formula One rld champion, Emerson Fittipaldi, was quoted (September 25) as saying that Nigel Mansell must treat his move into Indy Car racing with a high degree of caution. Your correspondent finished by suggesting that Indy cars are not built to the same standards as grand prix cars. It is important to set the record

i. Lola Cars designs and builds over 70 per cent of the cars competing in the American Indy Car championship. The design and construction of cars for this series is, without doubt, on a par with the Formula One cars that Lola has been building for many years. The regulations are certainly different from Formula One, but the primary criterion is driver safety.

The components of each car are rigorously tested to a specified degree prior to being

Ruin for breeders

The Thoroughbred Breeders

Sir, New VAT legislation.

effective from January i next

year, has enabled Tattersalls.

the leading bloodstock auctioneers in Europe, to contin-

ue to hold all of its sales at

The Treasury has interpret

ed the regulations to allow EC

horses imported for sale in Britain to be sold free of VAT.

to the detriment of British

bloodstock, which carries the

The whole of the British

burden of 17.5 per cent VAT.

ruin from this unfair competi

tion and distortion of trade. All breeders are totally dissat-

isfied with the hollow prom-

ises of a level playing-field from Treasury ministers.

attempts to remedy the situa-

tion during the transitional

period, by the introduction of

two ineffectual and expensive

schemes, have only made the

situation worse for British

breeders. These schemes are:

1. A flat-rate farmers scheme,

British thoroughbred breeder

because the input tax costs are

not recoverable. It does, how

ever, enable the majority of Irish breeders to sell their

yearlings to the racing market

in England through British

auction sales, without VAT.

2. A "distance selling"

scheme, which involves pur-

chase, export and re-import

before use. It is expensive,

artificial and inappropriate.

involves stress, risk of disease

and injury to horses in transit.

which does nothing for the

The Treasury's half-hearted

From the President of

Newmarket in 1993.

Association

shipped to America. Design of and Jeff Andretti survived CTRIGES these cars incorporates special 200mph. head-on impacts features which take into account the type of accidents that are likely to occur at oval circuits, where there are no run-off areas, as well as on the conventional road circuits.

ship comprises 17 rounds, but only five of these are on oval circuits. The rest are on circuits similar in layout to those raced on by Formula One teams. Of the five ovals, only two are high-speed circuits, Indianapolis and Michigan, and certainly the cars reach high speeds (232.8mph average speed at this year's Indy 500).

suddenly dropping from 80°F to less than 50°F, caused havoc with the tyre grip and a multitude of high-speed acci-

It is a testimony to the high safety standard of our cars that drivers such as Nelson Piquet

2. The Indy Car champion-

conditions, with temperatures

dents occurred.

ing only serious leg fractures. Admittedly, Josy Marcelo was killed in practice when he his the wall at a much lower speed, but he apparently died from head injuries sustained

However, freak weather

A crippled British breeding

industry can only damage the structure and prestige of Brit-

ish racing, the principal mar-

ket for both the British and

Irish breeder. It is therefore in

the hest interests of not just

Britain but also our EC com-

petitors to have a level playing-

field; bloodstock is an

Unless the government acis

now either to include horses in

a new low band of VAT or

allows the VAT registration of

owners - available in eight of

the 12 EC countries - our

The British Treasury's cur-

ent interpretation of its own

VAT rules in favour of the

duty-free sale of imported

horses will be at a high cost

some 15.000 jobs in rural

employment: some 150,000

acres in environmentally

"green" use; some £20 million of bloodstock exports annually

and some £24 million of tax

Not only breeders but any-

one who cares about racing or who is in an ancillary job such

as veterinary surgeon, farrier, saddler, should speak to their

DAVID GIBSON, President.

The Thoroughbred Breeders'

Association, Stanstead House.

revenue lost annually.

MP as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully.

The Avenue.

industry will disintegrate.

international commodity.

From Mayor Hugh Dawyay

when his helmet slipped for-

ward and he received a blow to

3. Marcelo's death was the

first Indy Car fatality in ten

years. Formula One has lost

4. Nigel Mansell is one of the

two top racing drivers in the

world, and we are delighted to

have him driving a Lole in

1993. He' will undoubtedis:

treat with great caution the

new style of racing in which he

Lola Motor Racing Manage-

St Peter's Hill, Huntingdon,

New leadership

From Mr Edward Grayson

Sir, John Goodbody (Septem-

ber 29) is fully justified in enquiring how Peter Brooke

in cabinet, with his mix of new

responsibilities for media.

heritage and arts alongside

sport, must now "decide

whether the government is going to provide the necessary

leadership, or whether we are

going to continue with a lack

Mr Brooke also ought to use

his dout in cabinet to resurrect

the government's pre-election

promise, on which it has reneged, to match business

sponsorship pound for nound.

and also guard against find-ing himself in the position

testified to the House of Com-

mons environment committee

in 1985 by one of his predeces-

sors, Richard Tracey, that only

20 per cent of his time was available for spon and recreation matters. When the

prime minister has dealt with

his European economic diffi-

culties, perhaps he will wake

up to realising how sport and

recreation are too valuable in

the cultural life of the nation in

be shared with other elements.

I am, Sir. yours faithfully.

EDWARD GRAYSON.

4 Paper Buildings.

Temple, EC4.

ment Ltd., Glebe Road.

will compete.

Yours faithfully.

BRIAN SIMS.

Cambridgeshire.

three drivers in that time.

the back of his head.

Polo needs

Sir. I omgratidate John Watson on his article highlighting what is profoundly wrong with pole (September 24) and sug-26st that his remedy of limiting the aggregate handicap would be good, but not enough.

The stewards of the Hurlingham Polo Association (HPA), who are also team namens, have a conflict of interest in that they are competing for the services of the polo gladiators as well as planning the future of coto. The gladiators are so lealous

of the power which they temporarily hold over a rich patron that the insist on covering all the roles for producing a team. This precludes the existence of a coach. who could at least addise on set-piece metics, if not much more, in order to impive the whole ream.

A key to improvement is learning to handle pressure. which the lower-nandleapped players could do if allowed to soak it up through continued involvement densite making mistakes. Then the high-goal pianers, with a little less to de. would face a decrease in pressure at I have more time to use their skills.

A non-playing couch should be able to mould players of vastly different standards, but few v iii have this ability until the HPA abordinates the pro-duction of coaches for every level of pean. This would also create commutity for beginners, y ho open suffer damaging confusion from hearing different instructors.

The umpiring problem must also be addressed with courage. There would be many fewer disputes if there was a considerable reduction in the number of fouls committed. This can only happen if the players seriously do not wish to foul, thus making the task of officiating easier. There must be ways to induce the necessary attitude, such as keeping and publishing statistics on fours, which would add interest to the job of the

None of the above woold be casy to achieve, but something Yours sincerely, HUGH DAWNAY. Whitfield Court. Waterford. re,and,

Sports Letters may be sent by fex to 071-782 5046. They should include a

TCCB sells public short

nothing it has done recently

lehind some pretext or other

answerable to no one, but may

I suggest that, as a ruling

body, it is actually accountable

to everybody who pays to

watch the game. Its image is

tarnished, but not beyond

repair if it cares to act quickly.

person involved in the whole

enisode to be taken to task? It

does not make sense that an

innocent man should be treat-

ed in such a way while the

apparently guilty party or par-

ties get off. 🕡 🚉

Yours faithfully.

R. GORDON.

Tayport, Fife.

ever winere?

Willowhrae.

From Mr Alex Houlgate

Sir. Your third leader (Open

ericket. September 251 is must

timely. Justice must be seen to

contagion in your leader-writ-

er of the couness and secrecy

displayed by the International

Cricker Council and the Test

Why no darron call to mass-

As an aged slow left-arm

action by cricket-lovers

binder sniggling to keep his

I absolutely demand to know how the ball can be

need all the help I can get.

profitable tampered with.

Yours sincerely.: ALEY HOULGATE.

place in the local second XI. I

and County Cricket Board?

But do I detect a regretiable

Why is Lamb the only

it seems to mink it is

From MrR. Gordon

fir. In any circles, including suggests this is so. The minute the minute courts, a fine of a problem arises it hides (190 plus costs, as levied by the Fest and County Cricket Sour (TCCB) on Allan Land, is excessive for all but the morst crimes. Lamb is no eriminal. He is obviously a principled man who is concerned for the future of cricket. so why roos, the TCCB take sach 'a moralistic attitude. under the present of Lamb

aut about enfair play? The TCCB's actions in this matter have done nothing other than condone ball-manpering. It has not told the paying public that this has not been happening, Indeed, it has not told the paying public anything other than that which relates to Lamb having revealed " hat was going on.

having broken his contract

with it, towards his, speaking

What of the cricketing pubiid? If the TCCB knew (as it must have that ball-tamperng was going on. I saggest that those paying to watch erreliet are being conned. Speciators at a cricket match ony to watch one team try to reculanother fairly and squareiv. They do not expect to be allowed to pay to watch unfair play and it is possible that this is exactly what has been happening, although the RCCB would have had it in its power

The TCCB should take a long hard look at leelf and atunnit its objectives really are. Premotion of the sport and maintaining the highest stan-dards of play should be parti-meant in its thinking, but

insch. Aberdeenshire. Double shortage Firm Mr Lawrence A. Segal

Better at home From Mr John B. King

31 Golf Terrace.

Sin. The principle of two Sir. I was said to see reference referred reports for the second reports of the second reports of officialing a match until the laws were revoluted in 1861. My main a more with the second re-(September 21) to yet unother hadcaffer - Paul Loke, of Manchester City + being sent to San Francisco for sureery to the unterior crudate ligament. ouncern with the system, as There are centres now in proposed now, is where the this country dealing with officials would come from: many such cases and produc-The laws relate to all levels ing results at least as good as

of the game, from the pyothe unit in America. teams of ten-year-olds playing i o send a player to a strange on the local park to the World country an alien cubare, and separate him from the essen-Cup find and unless there is a nvo-tier game, with laws for each level, how will matches tial linked rehabilitation programme by time and distance is not only illogical, but Many teams already play against the player's best ith tal a qualified referre day the general shortage of interest.

olicies. Implementing this

system will halve the number

"owered" games at once.

The medical insurer, may also have some views on the COSES. Yours cannully, JOHN KING. Department of Sports

tours incerely LAW RENCE A, SEGAL 1 Chairman, Illord Society of Medicine. Assection Football Reserves. The London Hoseital Medical College mainabit Esses, Turner Street, 21,

Riders frustrated by failure to open track

CYCLING

a problem arises it hides THREE months after the of the Southwark Council. "I steeply banked touck at Herne Hill. south London, designed to take speeds of up to 65mph. was completed it is still unavailable for racing or training and may not open until next year (Peter Bryan writes).

The old track, built more than 100 years ago and venue for the 1948 Olympic Games. was demolished late last year and replaced by a smaller 450-metre racing "bowl" by Southwark Council, with the aid of a Sports Council grant of more than £250,000.

But the local council's refusal to allow the track to be used has meant the cancellation of the all-London championships planned for this month. Eddie Wingrave, who had hoped to stage the championships as the track's opening meeting: was critical yesterday

have been fobbed off with delaying tactics which has made it impossible to give the hundred or so riders we could expect for the championships a firm dare" he said.

end (Mar)

Ron Webb, a former Australian international, designed and built the velodrome. "I covered the cement base with a quarter-inch of epoxy-resin, he said. "That surface should make it the fastest of any British track and it will also prevent it breaking up in the

winter." Nobody from Southwark Council was available to confirm when the track could first be used. Meanwhile, riders including Britain's leading six-day competitor. Tony Doyle, will find the main gate leading to the track locked and entry barred.

NATIONAL FUN RUN HESULTS

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Above average

Newmarket, Suffolk.

From Mr Michael Meadmore Sir, A gremlin must have caused the average duration of a point in the men's final at Wimbledon, 3.65sec, to be cited in the Sporting Diary

Yours faithfully. MICHAEL MEADMORE. 8 Pennard Road, W12

(September 26) as the length of point on Ivanisevic's service. His average was, in fact 1.85sec.

davinte lelebhone number.

Silver Wizard to speed clear

FOREST Wind's recent vic-tory in the Mill Reef Stakes at Newbury was a positive indication that Silver Wizard can capture the Newgate Stud Middle Park Stakes at Newmarket today.

in his previous race at Kempton, Forest Wind, receiving 4lb, was no match for Silver Wizard in the Sirenia Stakes, and was beaten twoand-a-half lengths.

Yet at Newbury, Forest Wind proved capable of beat-ing Marina Park, one of the season's best two-year-old fillies, who had excelled the time before at Deauville, where she finished a close third behind Zafonic and Secrage in the

Prix Morny.

A line involving Forest
Wind, Marina Park, and the Prix Morny fourth, Wixon, appears to give Silver Wizard the clear beating of the French challenger, Zieten, who attempts to go one better than

MANDARIN

2.35 Sonus.

1.30 Placerville.

2.00 White Muzzle.

3.05 Local Heroine. 3.40 SILVER WIZARD (nap).

4.10 Million In Mind.

4.10 Kiveton Kabooz.

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Lion Cavern did for the same connections in the corresponding event last year. Zieten maintained his un-

beaten record when winning the group three Prix d'Arenberg over five furiongs at Longchamp early last month. But he only had threequarters of a length in hand over Wixon on that occasion.

Again using Forest Wind as the yardstick, Silver Wizard should also account for the Mill Reef Stakes fourth, Pips Pride, who had earlier won the valuable Heinz 57 Stakes at Leopardstown_

As the season has pro-gressed, it has become clear that Khaled Abdulla has some good two-year-old colts, nota-bly Zafonic and Tenby.

NEWMARKET

THUNDERER

1.30 Placerville

2.00 Black Dragon. 2.35 Sonus. 3.05 The Sharp Bidder.

3.40 Silver Wizard.

RICHARD EVANS: 2.00 Press Gallery. 2.35 STEERFORTH (nep).

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1,30 PLACERVILLE (nap). 2.35 Tapis Rouge. 4.40 Sasparella.

1.30 TAXI NEWS WESTLEY MAIDEN STAKES

(Div I: 2-Y-0: £3,850: 7f) (17 runners)

THE INFORMER 19st 2nd of 8 to Psentrole in a conditions case at Newbury (fm. good). AL SEVAR Freeled Feb 23, cost of 105,000pps) in 1ny Persian Bold, the first loud of a dam placed at up to 1ng 44. BONERBAN CRUNNN (New 16, 9450,000) in a hulf-

(Div II: 2-Y-O: £3,817: 7f) (12 rumners)

Newbory (1m. good). BARATHEA (Fooled Mar 2) is a half-brokker, by Sadier's Wells, to two witarers, including 77-1m 21 writter Free At Last, Dam, Brocade, was a high-

class 71-1m entitler. RELIO OF STARS (Feb 13, cost 62,000gns) is by Salse, the second lost of an unraced ball-eister in

2.35 WESTMINSTER-MOTOR TAXI HISURANCE GODOLPHIN STAKES (Lisled race: £9,218: 1m 4f) (8)

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2.00 TAXI NEWS WESTLEY MAIDEN STAKES

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GABR QI Al-Matteurs) R Armstrong 9-0...

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PET Eddery 78
BETTING: 11-8 Social, 9-2 Topic Roope, 17-2 Environment Priend, 8-1 Zinand, 10-1 Steerioria, Sovielle, 12-1 others.

1991; SUPPEALIST 3-8-9 S Caumen (5-4.bn) 8 HBs 7 cm

FORM FOCUS

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The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: SILVER WIZARD.

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BUHEMAN CROWN (Shalih Motermed) W Slouts 9-0...
BURBASE (R Sangaler) P Chappie-Hyam 9-0...
DANNY BUY 12 (Tangaler) R Hannun 9-0...
HE'S A KING (Laby Sanghilling) J Dunlop 8-0...
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DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

4.10 MILLION IN MIND (nap)

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... B Raymond ...
... W Carson ...

Cyphre, a proup race and graded winner from Ira-ter 4t in France and the United States. PLACER-VILLE (May 31, \$400,000) is by Mr Prospector, the blad total of a grade I winner in the United States. THALEROS (Vor 1) is by Green Desed, a brother to Thoughes, smart 61-71 winner as a juvenile and three-very-old. Selection: THE INPORMER

States.

DAKING PRIZE (Mer 6) is by Surfar's Wells, the liest log of Alm For The Top, successful from 64-1m, including in group III company. MASHARI, felar 25) is a half-siste, by Diess, in 167-74 winning Ausenber Almasm and Alsamm. Dem wor the Kentacky Delic.

Selection. WHSTE MAZZLE

Factual, his runner today, is not without a chance according to his trainer, Barry Hills, even though the race he won at Doncaster last month was nothing out of the ordinary.

In an attempt to win today's feature race a second time in as many attempts following Rodrigo De Triano's victory last year, Peter Chapple-Hyam now relies on Robert Sangster's Goodwood and Ayr winner, Wootton Rivers.

It was over a mile that he scored on the Scottish track last month though and I anticipate him being outpaced over this six-furlong trip by the sharp Silver Wizard. who is

Chapple-Hyam expects White Muzzle to prove his best shot today by winning the second division of the Taxi News Westley Maiden Stakes. By Dancing Brave, White Muzzle was an eye-catching third first time out to Pem-

(2-Y-0: £5,952: 5f) (12 runners)

cae: Almbolton Kene: 7-2.

3.40 NEWGATE STUD MIDDLE PARK STAKES

(Group I: 2-Y-0 colts: £62,948: 61) (6 runners)

3.05 BAILEY'S HORSE FEEDS NURSERY HANDICAP

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BETTINGS: 5-1 Load Olision, 7-1 The Sharp Bidder, 9-1 Aberlack, Georgies, Georg's Alck, Sheka's Secret. Zury Zwans, 18-1 Hamsah, 12-1 Local Harrina, 14-1 Henduny Coat, Risk Mars Gat, 20-1 Kendolaco Koder 1991; SPLICE 9-1 W R Swimburn (6-1) J Farchane 9 par

FORM FOCUS

LORD CLAMER 2/6/2 2nd of 5 to Fylield Figur to a Riskel race at Ayr (54, soft). SHELLY'S SECRET beat Arcelloran a basid in a 13-meant auxsary at Asserbane (54, pood), with BANGLES (2th better off) 11/6/1 3rd. ARCERLADY DESI Committee Microsoft a bead in a Sandson 6/6, pood), with GEORGE 2 3rd of 8 to Rackel in a Chester on penulament start (51, pood to graduation race at Deceator (61, pood in form), with HAMSAH (10th worse off) 2/4/1 5th, ZARY ZARNA

41 FACTUAL 19 (0.F) (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-0 Pat Eddery 77
133514 PIPS PRIDE 12 (0.6.5) (Also V Grant) R Hammon 9-0 L Dotton* 92
112131 SALVER WIZARD 25 (CD.F.6.5) (Also S Robbas) 6 Luests 9-0 W Carson 19
VIRILIS (The Downger Ludy Beamstrood) C Britain 9-0 M Roberts
4131 WOOTTON REVERS 12 (S) (R Saugasor) P Chapple-Hyern 9-0 D Holland 83
111 ZIETEN 25 (0.6.5) (Strakin Mohammed) A Fabre (Fr) 9-0 S Cauthen 93

BETTING: 11-10 Silver Wilgard, 2-1 Zielen, 8-1 Pips Prote, 10-1 Factual, 12-1 Woodon Rivers, 33-1 Virtis. 1991: RODFREO DE TRIANO 9-0 W Carson (Evens lav) P Chapple-Hysin 6 ran FORM FOCUS

FACTUAL best tree Marchard 11 in an 8-nuncer oraduation ace at Doncaster (61, good to firm).

PPS PRIDE 3961 4th of 7 to Forest Wind is not free group it Relately Farms Mell Reel States at Newbory (61, good). Previously, best Shafik, 14/1 in the 9-nuncer group 11 Netrz 57 States at Leopardstown (61, good). SEVER WIZARD best Forest Will act 25/1 in a 6-nuncer listed case at Rempton (61, good).

Selection: SLVER WIZARD best Not 11 in an 8-nuncer group 11 Prix d'Averberg at Longardstown (51, soft).

Selection: SLVER WIZARD (nep)

BETTING: 3-1 Kivston Katonov, 4-1 Hightheads, 11-2 Charlo, 6-1 Dassy Girl, Chesdrand, 7-1 Million in Mind, 12-1 Be A Homey, 14-1 Stays, 50-1 Fine Transfer.

CHARLO below best stace running (#) 2nd of 20 to Pio Top in a bandicap at Sandews in July (Im 21, good to self), HiSHSROOK short-head good to self), NVETOM (ABOOD 21 2nd of 12 to Tell No Les in a handicap at Ayr (Im 21, good to 12 to Tell No Les in a handicap at Ayr (Im 51 140x4, good to 12 to Tell No Les in a handicap at Ayr (Im 51 140x4, good to 12 to Tell No Les in a handicap at Ayr (Im 51 140x4, good).

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BETTING: 4-1 Actions, 5-1 Branston Abby, 6-1 African Chimes, Metal Boys, 8-1 Eager Deva. 10-1 others. 1991: MO GORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

BRANSTON ABBY head 2nd of 7 in Our Rhs in a chimner at Sandown (St. good). AFRICAN CHARES head 2nd of 15 to Simment-Agonésies in a handicap at Proteintest (St. firmt), with HERE COMES A STAR followers on 2 KH 6th. VERY DICEY 291 2nd of 10 to Caonleid Cowet in a handicap at Lingfield (AW, St. standard), with SYLVAN BREEZE (4th worse of) 31 5th.

PALLEM 441 3rd of 10 to Breazy Day in a handicap at Doncaster (St. good to Brim).

COURSE SPECIALISTS

S Caumen
W Carsen
Pat Eddery
M Hills
W A Sembarn
M Roberts

4.40 FITZWILLIAM HANDICAP (£4,776: 5f) (15 runners)

Long bandicap: Yes 7-6.

TRAINERS

A Fighte
P Chappie-Hyam
W Heat
H Cecil
M Stouts
J Gustes

Placepot: £50.10.

Going: good

Cheltenham

2.15 (2m 110yd hdie) 1, Mohana (P Scudernore, 10-11 lav); 2, Winter Lightning (33-1); 3, Brid (10-1), 11 ren. 4, 10f M Ppe. Tows. 7: 30; 21:10, 55:30, 52:10, DF: 221:10, CSF: 227:40,

2-45 (2m 110g/ch) 1, Nashra Pride (A Tory, 5-2); 2, Vain Prince (2-1 lise); 3, Dyllin (7-2). 8 ran. 3, 12l. K Bailey, Tota: £3.40; £1.30, £1.4

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1991: CASTLE CAVALLER 3-8-12 J Reid (11-2) Lady Hernes 10 cm FORM FOCUS

4.10 LADBROKE HANDICAP (£7,440: 1m 4f) (9 runners)

broke and The Informer in the Haynes Hanson and Clark Stakes at Newbury, and he is preferred to Press Gallery and Black Dragon.

While The Informer should obviously go well in the earlier division, there was a strong tip on Newmarket Heath yesterday that he will be thwarted again, this time by the Henry Cecil-trained newcomer Placerville (1.30).

Well as Surrealist won the Westminster-Motor Taxi Insurance Godolphin Stakes last year, he is likely to find life much harder this time now that he has to concede a stone to the St Leger runner-up.

At Lingfield, Will Soon can land the Autumn Handicap. following that creditable third at Newbury behind What Katy Did and Googly, who has already given the form a boost by winning at Haydock subsequently.

LINGFIELD PARK MANDARIN 1.20 Mansard. 1.20 Mansard. 1.50 Chief's Song. 1.50 A! Shaza 2.20 Blazing Soul. 2.20 Second Colours. 2.50 Will Soon. 2.50 Key Suspect. 3.20 Rapporteur 3.20 Sarat-Clare. 3.50 Flash Of Straw. 3.50 Oak Apple. 4.20 Honey Heather. 4.20 Access Voyager 4.50 Stroika 4.50 Pat Poindestres. 5.20 Belthom. 5.20 traco Double.

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2		50	ABSOLUTELY FACT 42 (B Hagger) 16" Pages 5-7" July J Colon	75
3	(5)	3040	DHAHRAN 9 (B) (F Sakrean) P Code 8-7 T Ounts	29
4	(14)	622065	MESTER BLAKE 14 (V) (Red Seven State: W C'Editta: 8-7 Emilia O'Edittati (3)	91
5			STARDUST EXPRESS 6 (Mrs. P. Joseph M. Joseph 8-7 R. P. Ellion	
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7	(12)	023	BLAZING SOLE, 14 (BF) (A Lopes) R Harrer B-4 R Cochains	98
8			BOLD A MADEN 12 (V) (F Caser) D Lazog 9-4	
9	(8)		BALLEYS COLOURS 23 (Badeys Horse Feeth) B Nation 8-2 E Johnson	
10	(2)	2000	LADY OF SHADOWS 48 (Under Order: Record III) S Dow 6-2 A Maythez (7)	83
11			CUDDLY DATE 15 (G) (D Thom) D Thom 8-9	
12			HY WILMA 21 (D,G) (R Hadges) il Hadges 7-12 S Dissesse (7)	
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14		43F	SCREECH 83 (May it Thornest) C James 7-12 S Dawson	93
			Soul, 5-1 Disafram, 6-1 Wister Blake, 13-2 La Bonda, 7-1 Second Colours, 10-1 Cut press, 16-1 others.	idly
			1991: TSTCH WIZARD 8-12 F Norton (6-4 tax) G Lews 20 can	

2	.5() AUTL	FRAN HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,313: 7l 140yd) (15 nunners)
1	(4)	20-0025	SYLVAN 10 (F.G) (Na) R Neget) C Walt 9-7
2		13	KEY SUSPECT 17 (EF,D,S) (i. knephi) J Gosden 9-6
3	m	010-100	GHALYDON 34 (F,S) (H AL-Natioum) P Walnyn 9-4
4			SOVERBISH ROCK 21 (D.G.S) (P Howelf) R Hannon 9-1 R Perham (3)
5			SWEET JAFFA 16 (D,6) (Mrs C Waters) W Hern 8-12 W Ryan
ě	úží	26-3361	METHER MOR 19 (S) (D Tylcen-Wright) R Holder 8-11 J Williams
7			CANADIAN CAPERS 9 (CO.F) (P Tapún) M Chamon 8-10 J Quen
8			EXPRESS SERVICE 34 (BP) (Avon Industries) P Malon 8-10
ğ	(9)		WILL SOCH 13 (H Candy) H Candy 8-8 Antoneste Armes (7)
10	25		VANSOROUGH LAD 19 (6.5) (M/3 M (lav) M Hayres 8-5 D Biggs
11	πā	400200	PEERAGE PRINCE 15 (C.G.) (D Hobbs) Par Mitchell 8-2 S O'Gorman (3)
12			PRECIOUS WONDER 164 (M Murray) P Butter 8-0
13			NORSY BARNES 9 (T Riler-Smith) D Wilson 7-11
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15			TOM'S APACHE 36 (T Staddoor) Billion Williams 7-7 N Adams
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BETTING: 4-1 Express Service, 11-2 Various ough Lad, 6-1 Ray Suspect, 6-1 Sweet Jaffe, 10-1 Sovereyn Rock, 12-1 Will Soon, Neither No., 14-1 Sylvas, 16-1 Stashpon, 20-1 others. 1991: SWORDSTICK 9-1 M HRts (7-1) B Hills 20 to

Blinkered first time LINGFIELD PARK: 2.20 Dhahran, Bold A Maiden. 4.20 Under The Bridge. 4.50 Risky Number, Welsh Pet.

MANDARIN

THUNDERER

GOING: GOOD

CHELTENHAM

2.15 Brodessa. 2.45 Celtic Princa. 3.15 Com Lily. 3.45 Moment Of Truth, 4.15 By Far. 4.45 Young Hustler. 5.15 Earth Summit.

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2.15 CHELTENHAM AND THREE COUNTIES CLUB HOVICES HURDLE (£2,092-2m 5f 110yd) (13)

4-1 Sep Bresier (9-2 Brodersa (11-2 Nomer Lad, 6-1 Unitoly Alliance, 10-1 Travall Temporaria (14-1 Mourcium Masser Picketstom, 20-1 Danagons Olen, 25-1 others

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2.45 NAHLSWORTH INTERMEDIATE HANDICAP

CHASE (£3,557: 3m 1/ 110yd) (7)

3.20 UPHAM HANDICAP (\$3,240. 1m 2f) (11 rinners) ### 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 15 ☐ Remorteur will not out it there is exempted from trainer claims. BCTTRIG: 3-1 So Strug, 4-1 Superior, 5-1 Sect-Clare 8-1 Amenicae Power, Agrecount Seng, 16-1 Pusey Street Box, 15-1 Regional, 14-1 Lazy Durdee, 20-1 others 1991: CHATHAM (SLAND) 3-9-2 6 Displace (9-1) C Badeso 16 em 3.50 LEWES HANDICAP (\$2,679: 1m 3i 106yd) (16 runners)

1:-4 Flash (17 050, 16-1 578	Otawr 9-2 Das Apple, 6-1 Fremer Dence, 13-2 Mai, 8-1 Severas, 10-1 Satelin Fiz
	1991: RAPPORTELIA 5-9-2 W Newnes (13-2) C Elsey 15 gas

4.20 BLETCHINGLY MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (All-weather: 3-Y-0: £2.070: 7f) (13 runners)						
1 .:33	3-3	ACCESS VOYASER 9 (Marx E Williams) 9 Bots 9-0 M Tebbur 83				
2 (6)	435500	CAPTAIN MARMALADE 34 (No.: C Altowood) D Thor. 9-0 J Williams 85				
3 (18)	600	DRUCUSH 31 (7 Samos) Links 5-6				
		MARCLET 35 (C Lines) D Coragnet 9-6 W Ryan 96				
		HINTON HARRY 75 Parks Parkers 5 Mellon 9-0				
6 (8)		OLD ROX 90 (C Farton) D Same 9-0				
7 (11-	050506	RED TRUSKY SE (Mr. J Erra, W Little 9-0				
		UNDER THE BRODGE 26 (B) (Ltr. P Harre) P Harris 9-0 R Cochrane				
		DAM CERTAIN 49 DAT L Decemb 4 Decemb 9-9				
		GRIGER RUNNER 50 (BF) (Mrs H Morres) G Virage 6-9 F Nortoo (3) 97				
		HOMEY HEATHER 31 (Un: U Protegic) C Wall 8-9 D Biggs 89				
		PSALANTE 14 JA Redi = Red 8-9				
		MASONNE 31 (B) (Sr. Cotin Sourger: J Dortop 8-9 B Rouse 85				
BETTING: 11-4 Garger Flower, 7-2 Hardut, 5-1 Honey meather 7-1 Access Voyager 3-1 Machine, 10-1 Under The Bridge, 14-1 lipotante, 16-1 others						
		1861 BERT BEAUCH & Bar Care C West \$1 mg				

4.50 SIDEWALK CLAIMING STAKES

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1	(7)	4	ABJAR 10 (P Kellengy) P Letterry, 3-3	74
:			SUPER SEVE 19 (Wentters Core: Lin) J Bern 9-13	
	(11)		NICELS PROSPECT 38 AVII E Hayon Jones, D Hayon Jones 8-9 J Williams	
4		4461	PAT POROESTRES 14 (CO) (J Danke) 4 Down 8-8 8 Rouse	9Ē
5	(3)	430560	RISKY NUMBER 14 (B) (NAt. () States) LApore 8-3 A Clark	93
6	[14]	533406	GREY RUNNER 78 (D Mayton) 6 Palling 8-2 Stephen Davies (5)	72
7		60563	STERLING PRINCESS 56 (B) (Mr. E Spring) J Jenkins 8-2 A Tucker (5)	75
8		000064	WICHONS B (B) (Mrs N Lewis) 6 Lews 8-1 F Norton (3)	ъ.
9	(4)	93	MISSISSPI MAID 10 (1 Jares) & Tumer 8-0 T Sprake	94
10	(6)	563020	SAMANTHAS JOY 31 (Mrs. D. Yame) T Famura 8-0	90
11	(9)		STROKA 14 (CD) (8 říces, C. James 8-0	
12	151	300	WELSH PET 9 (B) (Ten at Hearts) P Malon 8-0 C Rutter	Æ.
13	in	04560	FLOODLIGHT 31 (R Holder) R Holder 7-10	9:
14	Ċ		MEDARIDA 31 (Argyle Bookmakers of Phymouth) & Forsey 7-10 J Lowe	
ŧπ	ING. 1		andestres, 3-1 Straita, 3-2 Welsh Pal, 8-1 Super Seve, 10-1 Abjar, 14-1 others.	
			1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE	
			1351. IN COMMENTAL PACE	

5.20 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (£3,027: 5f) (15 runners)

1	(14)	130400	MY SOVEREIGN 66 (D.G.) (B Nielsen) R Hannon 3-10-0	9
2	(8)	0-444	SARTIGILA 143 (BF) (F Landi) J Page 3-9-6	8
3	(6)		JOE SUGDEN 15 (D.F.G.S) (J Arrass) P Howling 8-9-7	
4	(9)	013404	DICKENS LANE 15 (D.F.) (But & Bear Resing) R Hodges 5-8-13 S Drowne (7)	9
- 5	(12)	420220	BELTHORN 13 (T Thorn) J Bridge: 3-8-13 \$ Whiteholds	Ø
6	(1)	0215-20	BMCO DOUBLE 35 (D) (Mrs L Ahmel) W Holden 4-8-12 M Tebbuat	9
7	(5)	040025	BRIGHT PARAGON 14 (D Cooper) H College 3-8-2 J Quinn	9
8	(10)	316001	GALAXY EXPRESS 72 (CD,F) (M Eden) G Eden 4-8-1	8
9	(2)	96000-0	PARTY TREAT 10 (C Bad) D Marts 4-8-0	8
10	(3)	000-000	CALIBARN 45 (T Prev) D Cosprove 4-7-12 F Norton (3)	8
11	(4)	0-500US	BRIGHT SEA 36 (D Lemos) Billy Williams 4-7-9	
12	[13]	000006	CROMES QUALITY 8 (B,C,D,F,G,S) (P Strapson) D Jerray 9-7-8 S Dawson	9
13	(11)	043650	MISS PRECOCIOUS 84 (V) (Mrs. C Dowrling) D Shaw 4-7-7 C Hawlisley (7)	9
14	(15)	501640	MSWINGER 5 (C.D) (W Wightern) W Wightern 6-7-7	9
15	(7)	504040	FRIMLEY PARKSON 10 (B.D.F.G.) (R Carey) P Howing 8-7-7 D Biggs	8
Long	bendi	cap: Inswe	oget 7-5, Frankey Parkson 7-4	
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1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

Trainers	Wes	Rnes	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	•
G Hanwood	22	75	29.3	R Cochrane	22	126	17.5
G Wraee	3	11	27.3	A Mis	10	62	151
BHALL	12	46	26 1	S O'Gorman	12	88	13.6
R Boss	7	30	233	T Chalman	35	185	13.5
D Morley	5	23	217	N Day	7	64	109
P Cote	19	89	21.3	F Norton	4	38	10 5

McCarthy snatches

the spoils By Christopher Goulding

THE current problems ravaging racing — pitiful prize-money and high levels of VAT slapped on bloodstock -- were temporarily forgotten with a glorious afternoon's racing at Cheltenham yesterday. Prestbury Park's famous hill again had the enthusiastic

crowd roaring when Royle Speedmaster snatched victory from Skipping Tim in the dying strides of the Churchdown Handicap With four fences to jump in

the three-mile contest, six of the eight contenders were all in with a chance. But Jimmy McCarthy timed his challenge to perfection and caught Peter Scudamore, riding Skipping Tim.
"That's my fourth winner

from four rides this season, all on Royle Speemaster," en-thused McCarthy.

"Jimmy gave him a good ride," said Oliver Sherwood. Both horse and rider are

improving. The Charisma Chase at Kempton in a fort-3.15 TEWKESBURY HANDICAP HURDLE night would be a suitable race (\$2,758: 2m; 110yd) (10) for him. I see him as a Liverpool horse. He really jumps for fun." Sherwood had news concerning Young Pokey, who

attempts to win the Breeders' Cup Chase at Belmont Park on Saturday week for a third 9-2 Pezce King, 5-1 King William, 6-1 Calviny Star, 13-2 Wetchman, Song (N Sb-pence, 7-1 Com Ley, 13-1 Sagarner, 13-1 Camonn, 20-1 others successive year for an English trainer. "He's in top form and everything is going to plan. Jamie Osborne rides." 3.45 STUDD CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£3,882: 2m 110yd) (8) Peter Scudamore again 141P. HOSHAMAY 27 (D.F.S.) R Carey 10-12-0 H Davies
2 41-1 2004ENT OF TRUTH 15F (D.F.S.S.) P Monteith 8-11-13
3 Surrey
3 253- SURE METAL 156 (D.F.G.S.) D McCoun 9-11-11 G McCoun
4 38-4 CAMPSEA-ASH 13 (D.F.G.) F Murphy 5-11-3 D J Marghy
5 014- AGRE HOLL 125 (D.F.G.) N Henderson 8-10-12 R Durwoody
6 334- Wale SOY 187 (D.F.G.S.) P March 10-11 Peter Hobbs
7 4P-4 ICARUS 14 (V.D.F.G.) M H Exterby 6-10-5 D L. Wyer
2 335 LOVE ANEW 26 (D.F.G.) O Sherwood 7-10-0 Doborne

showed his dexterity in the saddle when landing a treble with Mohana, Dagaz and Tri Folene. Martin Pipe, the benefactor of two Scudamore victories, Mohana and Tri Folene, had

"It's highly unlikely that I will be able to get him back on a course this year."
Native Pride looks an exciting prospect after making a successful debut over fences

disappointing news concern-ing the future of Carvill's Hill.

4.15 FRENCHIE NICHOLSON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,1	80: 2	?m 5f 110yd) (13)
1	356	BELAFONTE 31F (F.S) R Holder 5-12-0 D Matthews (3)
2	1-23	JUST BLAKE 27 (D.BF.F.G) J Roberts 11-11-2 D Leahy (3)
3	53-4	ARD T'MATCH 14 (8,6) A Forbes 7-10-13 T Eley (6)
4		ROYAL WONDER 878 (B.C.F.G) M Pipe 6-10-8 M Foster
5	333-	STAUNCH RIVAL 190 (6) G Thorner 5-10-8 D Bridgwater
6	514-	FAMPRELOS COME 157 (D.BF, 6.5) R Dickin 9-10-3
		D Meredish (3)
7	134P	NUMS JEWEL 12 (C.F.G) J Bracky 6-10-0 M A Rizgerald
В	05/0	EMERALD HELL 14 (S) & Stevens 7-10-0 M Stevens (6)
9	64-3	BY FAR 28 (F) 0 D'Nei0 6-10-0 V SIZZETY (3) ELVERCORE 220 (V.D.G.S) A J Wilson 11-10-0 8 Ciliford
10	PP.	ELVERCORE 220 (V.D.G.S) A J Wisson 11-10-0 8 Clifford
11	3112	MASS SMADNE 15 (B.BF.S) N Twiston-Davies, 6-10-0
		A Shakespeare (6)
12	0-25	JUST A WONDER 22 (V.D.F) S Christian 8-10-0 R Farrant (3)
13	3-40	TOP IT ALL 5 (G) M Ryan 4-10-0 J Ryan
3-1 Ma	ss Sloo	one, 9-2 Royal Wonger, 7-1 By Fzr. 8-1 Staunch Royal, 10-1 Just Wields Cone, 14-1 Just A Wander, 16-1 others.

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ı			JOHNAY WILL 21 (6) Aless it Knight 7-11-2	
i			MANDALAY PRINCE 8 (F) J 0'Shea 8-11-2 M	
ı	5	4-5	OLD ROAD 36 0 Wattle 6-11-2	Williams
ı	6	P/P	PACIFIC RUN 303 5 Day 7-11-2.	H Davi
I	6-4 6e	etic Fo	ole, 15-8 Young Hussler 4-1 Johnny Will, 8-1 Man: A Partir Goo	talay Press

5.15 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT

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1	AMTRAK EXPRESS N Henderson 5-11-6 Mr C Vigers (7)
2	CAPTAIN STOCKFORD A Force: 5-11-6
3	CHAT-A-LONG D Brown 6-11-6 Mr A Rebort
2 3 4 5 6 7	GAMBLING PEER C 5-mith 5-11-6 Mr A Rebort
5	POMEER PETE P Nicholt 5-11-6 S Donobne (5) REALLY A RASCAL D Gandolfo 5-11-6 D Meade (7) RELIGAS WAS A Price 5-11-6 Mr C Campbell (7) SMCKEBRIDGE GRAS W 6 M Tumer 5-11-6 P Carey (7)
6	REALLY A RASCAL D Gandolfo 5-11-6 D Meada (7)
7	RELUGAS Mrs A Price 5-11-6 Mr C Campbell (7)
В	SMOKEBRIDGE GRAS W 6 M Jumer 5-11-6 P Carey (7)
9	SPAKIAN SUBHINDIC S-11-6 MY IF G SMM
1Q	TEEGA SURU Mrs. J Young 5-11-6
T1	ARCTIC LINE J Bradley 4-11-5 We & Lewis (7)
12	BASTIDE M Tomptons 4-11-5 P Smith Eccles (7) BBI-FRY LAD C Broad 4-11-5 A Flannigan (7)
13	BRURRY LAD C Broad 4-11-5 A Plannigan (7)
14	CROSULA A Jones 4-11-5 a
15	EARTH SUMBLIT IN Two:tun-Davies 4-11-5
16	IDIVOLUBUICALE
17	MOVER TOP Me i Mekia 4-11-5 R. Farrant /5:
18	MOBILE MESSENGER D Barons 4-11-5
19	MOBILE MESSENGER D Barons 4-11-5 R Greene (3) REAL PROGRESS P House 4-11-5 M Housean (3)
20. 21 22	SANDLISKY J Jeniurs 4-11-5
21	THANKSFORTHEOFTER D Write 4-11-5
77	GOTAGETON D Murray Smith 5-11-1 J McCabe (7)
23	JUST FOR A LAUGH J Needharn 5-11-1 M. A Fitzgerald
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33	COMMANCHE DRIFTER J Bostock 4-11-0 J Twomey (7) SWEET FRIENDSHIP D Wintle 4-11-0 W Marston (5)
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	4-1 Amirak Egreca. 11-2 Earth Summit, 7-1 Mobile Messenger.
10-1 Real Pto	gress, 12-1 Pionees Pele, Sandustry, 14-1 Gotageson, 20-1 others

Browne case continues

THE Jockey Club enquiry into allegations against former trainer Dermot Browne failed to reach a conclusion yesterday.

The disciplinary committee decided to adjourn until October 27 after sitting for most of the day. Browne attended the hearing to answer an allegation that he gave information to a bookmaker for monetary gain.



HE SIDES THOM WESTERNAMS FOUR MEETINGS Newmarket Going: good

nancicap at York (tan 61, good to Rice). SONKIS 31/61 2nd of 7 to User Friendly in the group

Going: good
1.30 (1m) 1. ARMIGER (Par Eddary, 7-2;
Our Newmarket Correspondent's rept); 2. Zind (P. Robinson, 9.4 few); 3. Scotamen (1 Courn, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Cyrus The Bold, 8 Spring To Action (8th), 12 Desent Challenger, 14 Shrintio, Gradient, 18 Jackpot Star (4th), Leagus Leader (2th). Collet Star (4th), Leagus Leader (2th). Collet Bay, 20 Berrank, 50 October Brew. Chartee Biggime, General Mouldistr. Fastuonable Demoer, Intrinsa. 17 ran. 344, 1rk. 2. XL H Cecil at Newmarket. Tota: 24 00: 52 10: 51.70, 53.80. DF: 55.80. CSF: 512.55. 1min 37.61sec.
2.00 (1m 2) 1. COLD SHOWER (3 Sanders, 8-1); 2. Forewer Diamonds (5 Maiorrey, 10-1); 3. Hidden Laughter (Jare, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fax Hernarry (6th), 9 Rival Bid, 10 Parlang Bay, Avice Caro, 11 Hernadryad, 12 Gilderdale (5th), 12 Sharp Dream, 14 Scotlish Barntol, 16 Debacte (4th), Writon Venture, Dovsle, 25 Dawn Success. 15 ran, 1'4t, 11, sh Ind, 2'4t, sh Ind J Giover at Worksop Tota: 96 10; 190, 52.30. 56.40. DF: £10.60. CSF-581 22 'Riosst: £1, 24.96. 2min 5.35sec.

5240, 5230, 5200. DF: 527.50. CSF: 139, 48, 38, 4986. 3.40 (8) 1, SAYYEDATI (W.R. Swinburn, 5-2); 2, Lyric Fartiasy (M. Roberts, 1-2 fav); 3, Poker Chip (M. Hills, 9-1), ALSO RAN; 50 Anonymous (4th), 4 ran, 2, 11%, 61, C Britain at Newmarket, Tota: £3, 20, DF: £1,40, CSF: £3,96, 1mm 11,82aec. E1.40, CSF: E3.96. Imm 11.B2aec.
4.10 (7f) 1. WYNONA (I. Detrot, 16-1): 2.
No Reservations (I. Wesser, 20-1): 3.
Home From The Hit (M Hits, 16-1): 4.
Instant Alfair (I Culm., 12-1). ALSO RAN 8
I-tay Royd Diva, Spring Suniss, Perdition,
10 Chart Dance, 12 Diskette, 14 Hung
Parlament, 16 Trundley Wood, Kyrenis
Game, Brockson Dancer (Sth), Where's The
Dence (8th), 20 Heart Broken, Latest
Flame, Yhot, Pala Downs, 25 Rhoyal Flex,
Formassira. Jessonel Splandour, 21
ran, 14, 14, sh hd, 14, 11. G Bravery et
Newmarkst, Tote: E21.60; 24.00, 25.40,
CS.80, 23.90, DF: 2302.00, CSF: 2280.25.
Tricast: E4,658.73 Imm 26.16sec.

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Selection: SOMAIS

Jackpot: not won (pool of £12,165,72 carried toward to Newmerket tomorrow) Placepot: £1,085.40

Salisbury Going: soft, soft (heavy patches) after 3.25 Going: soft, soft (heavy petched) after 3.25
2.25 (8) 213yd) 1, Newton's Lew (J Retd, 7-4 fav); 2, Lew Commission (15-2); 3, Baron Ferdinand (2-1), 16 ran. 4, 294 P Chepole-Hyem. Tote: 23.10; C1-30, C1-70, C1-50. DF 57-30, CSF 51458.
2.65 (1m) 1, Lahoob (8 Raymond, 7-1); 2, Gold Baide (9-1); 3, Gharrah (10-1); 4, Master Cf The Rook (25-1), Mossy Rose 11-2 lew 17 ran. Sh hd. 21, B Hanbury, Tote: 55, C5; 527-94. Tricast: 2500-10; Affa Affa (14-1) withchawn, not under orders — nule 4 applies to all bats, deduction Sp in pound.

\$1.50 (27.40) \$38.76. (3m if 110yd cb) 1. Reyle Speedmester (J McCerthy, 7-2); 2. Sinparg Ten (5-1); 3. Whites The Creak (8-1). Fer Senior 100-30 tay. 8 ran. #1, 3. 0 Shewood at Upper Lambourn. Tota: 23.50: 1.70, 21.40, 21.90. DF; 28.10 CSF; 219.18. Incast. 2113.78. pound: 3.25 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, Her Honour (J Reid, 9.4 text); 2, Chief Of Steff (9-1); 3, Karamoja (5-2), 10 ren, 31/4, 51 (ord Huntingdon,

Tote: 22.80; £1.70, £2.40, £1.30, DF: £5.70 CSF: £20.52. 3.55 (1m 4): 1, 50 Knows Best (B Rouse, 5-2 tse); 2, Pride Of Britam (12-1); 3, Altermatra £5-1); 4, Africar (7-1), 20 ram %4, 51. J. Sufelifie, Tote: £3.00; £1.50, £2.40, £3.80, £1.70, DF: £24.30, CSF: £34.98, Tricest; £227.84 4.35 (87.23-61), Moordeh (A Marcto, 10-1); 4.15 (2m 5i ch) 1, Tr Fotene (P Scudemore, 5-2 tay); 2, Armagret (6-1); 3, Emsey-H (100-30); 8 ran. 12, 3, M Pope Tote, 213,50; 21.70, 22.10, 51.40, DF, E13.50 CSF: £16.93, Tricast £45.80 ETS 30. CSF: \$1583. Incase: 240.00 4.50 (2m 10)yd hale) 1, Settin Lover (G McCourt, 7-4 tsv); 2, Kater's Joker (66-1), 3. Glen Lochen (11-2) 21 ran NF: Placid Let 10, 394. N Tritider, Tota: 42.80, 61 70, 1930. 124.0. DF: 5557.30 CSF: \$125.30 Incast: £827.84 4.25 (8 212yd) 1, Moorieh (A Murro, 10-1); 2, Captain Jack 69-2; 3, Embantiment (2-1 ter) 16 rsn. 314; 11. P Cole Tote, £11.20; 53.80, £2.00, £1.70, DF; £32.00, CSF. Placepot: £30.60 ES3.65.
4.85 (6) 1, Will Of Steet (Antionafte Armes, 16-7), 2, St. Joey (12-1), 3, My Ruby Ping (9-1); 4, Geey Charmer (20-1) Face North Copperniil Lad 6-1 Felms. 18 Fan. NR. Honey Seeker, Quick Steet. 244, nd. H. Candy, Tota. ES2.80; 55.70, ES 70, ES 70, ES 60, DE 1898.80. CSF; g179.67. Tricest: C1,659.02.

Sedgefield Going: good to soft

Going: good to soft
2.20 (2m 11 110yd hole) 1, Velleyrie Reel (P
Waggott, 10-1); 2, Jumping Cactus (12-1);
3, Couger (100-30); Lodging and Carta
Adams 9-4 p-laws, 11 ran, 71, 81, Denys
Smith, Tore: £8,00; £1,60, £3,40, £1,40,
DF: £22.50; CSF £1(8.29,
2.50 (2m 51 110yd holle) 1, Silver Stick (C
Grant, 11-8 law); 2, Alton Bay (7-2), 3,
Cook-A-Doodle-Do (16-11,5 ran, 51, 61 M
W Easterby Tote: £2,10, £1,10, £1,70, DF;
£3,10 CSF, £68.20,
3,20 (2m 51 cth) 1, Sarong Sound (C Grant 23.10 (-Scr. 1952). 3.20 (2m 5/ ch) 1, Strong Sound (C Grant. 12-1); 2, On Tap (6-4); 3, Tres Amigos (5-4 (av), 7 ran 1 h/l, dest. W A Stephenson. Total: 58.40; 52.80, 51.70. DF: \$14.30 CSF: \$29.89

23.05 (3m 3f ch) 1. Portonia (P Niver, Evens fsvi): 2. Langrove (25-1): 3. Bow Handy Men (7-2) 6 fan 5l, 254 Mis G Reveley. Tota: 52.10. \$1.20. \$13.30. DF: 229.60 CSF: 219.58 Cor.: 219 58 4.20 (2m 1) 110yd hdle) 1, Mr Reiner (D Ryan, 7-2); 2, Cheeky Pot (6-5 kg/); 3, Dancing Days (6-1), 5 an. Hd, 4J. J Wade, Tota: 53.70; £2.20, £1.50. DF; £3.10, CSF: 58.07. 1850.7. 4.55 (2m 5f 110);c(1 1, No Bid No Stans (J Calleghan, 7-2); 2, Hobton Whin (11-8 lav); 2, Douch Eclar (7-4), 8 ren. 8, 121 & Moore, Tota: 23,60; 21,90, 21,20, 0F: 12,50, CSF: 28,63.

in the Notgrove Novices' Chase.

TRABERS: I Seding, 5 winners from 10 quarters, 50,0%; S Sherwood, 3 from 11, 27 3%; K Bailey, 8, from 32, 25,0%; D Barons, 12 from 49, 24,5%; M Pipe. 50 from 216, 23,1%; Mrs & Navelley, 3 from 13, 23,1%

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2002CYS: A Tory, 9 worders from 26 ides, 31.0%, M Foster, 5 from 17. 29.4%; R Genesi, 8 from 35, 22.0%; P Scadendore, 38 from 175, 21.7%; R Ourwesdy, 37 from 191, 19.4%; M Hande, 5 from 26,

4-1 Martest Of Trans. 9-2 Hogosaray, 6-1 Acre Hill. 7-1 leans, Sure Metal, 10-1 Sergese-Ass, Wide Boy, 20-1 Love Anew

COURSE SPECIALISTS

Johnson breaks new ground by re-entering game



THERE was only one way that Earvin "Magic" Johnson could ever upstage his announcement ten months ago that he was quitting basketball because he was infected with HIV, the virus that leads to Aids, and that was by his decision to play again. On Tues-day night, Johnson duly made that pronouncement, throwing the American sports public into rap-tures, and the medical profession

When Johnson takes the court against the Los Angeles Clippers on November 6, the 6ft 9in Los Angeles Lakers point guard will be taking a considerable step into the unknown. Whether he is breaking medical ground or simply hastening his death remains to be seen. What is certain is that his every move will be subjected to microscopic examination. In a country where hype is king, Johnson was and remains - a sporting

Johnson's decision to quit last year came after doctors advised him that the gruelling, 82-game National Basketball Association (NBA) schedule could weaken his immune system and make him more vulnerable to developing full-blown Aids. "The kind of strenuous exertion he will be subjected to over the course of an NBA season can be dangerous," Dr Elaine Feraru, an Aids specialist with the Keith-Beer Medical

Group, said.
People infected by the Aids virus can go two to 15 years before they develop symptoms, with seven years about average. Death usually comes two to three years after symptoms start.

Studies of uninfected, worldclass athletes in the United States have shown that training for highly competitive events can suppress the immune system and make them more vulnerable to infections. Yet a recent University of Miami study of 100 Aidsinfected men also found moderate, aerobic exercise helps to boost immunity and may extend life.

The world's most celebrated HIV virus case has confounded the experts and is to rejoin the NBA

with the Los Angeles Lakers, Keith Pike reports

Johnson, 33, who led the United States "Dream Team" to a gold medal at the Olympic Games in Barcelona this summer, said he intends to play in 50 to 60 of the Lakers' regular-season games and would avoid playing back-to-back matches to limit the wear and tear on his body. He admitted his decision to return "poses a small risk ... but if you take care of yourself and do what you're sup-

posed to do, I'll avoid that risk". Johnson, who still lifts weights and plays every day, said that in the last year he had grown stronger and put on weight. He is also taking the drug AZT, which has been found to prolong survival and improve life for many patients. "I'm 235 pounds now, more than I've ever been," John-

son said, smiling broadly at a news conference at the Forum, in Los Angeles, where he made his announcement. "I've got more muscles than I ever dreamed of."

It was his success in Barcelona, and the NBA All-Star game in February, coupled with the ab-sence of additional medical problems, which convinced him he could return.

But Aids experts said doctors would have to keep a close watch on Johnson's T-cell count. T-cells are critical parts of the body's immune system and are the primary targets of the human im-mune deficiency virus (HTV) that causes Aids. Johnson said recently that his T-cell count had risen. which often happens with patients

"We'll be mornisaring his health more clessly," Dr Michael Meilman, the Lakers' team doctor, said, adding that they would be especially careful when travelling. "This is as cautious as we can be with what we know," Mellman with what we inique case ... the only thing that we'll know is what happens in this experiment called Earvin Johnson Mellman. though, believes that Johnson could get an emotional boost from his comeback that would benefit

Johnson made his decision public four days after resigning from President Bush's National Com-mission on Aids, and ten days after scoring 32 points in an exhibition.
game he sponsors each summer to benefit the United Negro College Fund. He said his decision to quit the Aids commission was unrelat-ed to his decision to play again, and he would consider rejoining if Bill Clinton is elected president

Johnson, who helped the Lakers to five championships in a 12-year career and won three NBA most-valuable-player awards, has re-ceived widespread support from Aids activists, fellow players and the public. "Everybody is supporting me," he said. "Everybody knows that that court is where I belong no matter what happens."

Larry Kessler, executive director

of the Aids Action Committee in Boston, said he was pleased to see Johnson return. Johnson "may have another year or two before he starts having other health prob-lems," but "that doesn't mean he should sit around the house wait-ing for these problems to happen." Experts, meanwhile, also insist-

ed that Johnson poses no threat to other players. The Aids epidemic has been around for more than 12 years, and there is no evidence that HIV has ever been transmit-ted as a consequence of physical contact during an athletic compet-tion of any kind." Dr David E. Rogers, an NBA consultant and vice chairman of the National Commission on Aids, said

YACHTING

Teesside tip balance in struggle for lead

By BARRY PICKTHALL

FIVE days into the British Steel Challenge and eight miles is all that divides the first four yachts in this 28,000-mile round-the-world adventure. Indeed, the racing is proving so tight that, with the exception of Commercial Union, the tail-end charlie in this fleet of ten identical yachts, all the crews traded places thoughout the day.

At 2pm yesterday, British Steel II had slipped from first to third and the front running had been taken up once more by Ian MacGillivray's Pride of Teesside. She held a threemile lead over the Pete Goss-skippered Hofbrau Lager, while Nuclear Electric (John Chittenden) had moved up four places to fourth, dragging Interspray and Group 4 Securitas in her wake.

Those to lose ground vesterday were Vivian Cherry's crew on Coopers & Lybrand, who slipped from fifth to seventh, Rhone-Poulenc, from fourth to eighth, and Heath Insured, which slipped three places to ninth. All three had been forced to tack westwards to

clear Cape Finesterre. A Heath crewman, Adrian Rayson, summed up the changing moods on board. The expected south-easterlies failed to appear, leaving us too far into the Bay of Biscay and a frustrating tack westwards deadend the mood until we turned south and the bows were pointing towards Rio

once more," he said. "Problems at home, those emotional goodbyes and the euphoria of the start are behind us. So too are the dissenting voices of those who

A MYSTERY benefactor has

left Derbyshire "a substantial sum of cash" in his will,

probate to which has just been

granted (Martin Searby writes). The windfall, believed

to be in the region of £100,000, comes from half the

residue of the estate of Frank

Stretton, who died last March,

The gentleman was not a

member of the club and none

of the committee has heard of

him," Bob Lark, the county's

Derbyshire, who had a loss

of E70,000 last year, hope to

show a profit on the outgoing season but their overall finan-

cial state is fragile. "We don't want to fritter away a bequest like this and I hope we will be

chief executive, said.

at Thurvaston, near Derby.

say we are mad. Maybe we are, but already it has become a thrilling, testing madness. The last two nights have been moonless, black and rough, calling for constant reefing and headsail changes. The days have been clear but with light flukey winds frustrating sailtrimmers and helmsmen alike. The crew have shaken down well but dark fears loom at testing times."

That was a line taken up by Sue Tight, aboard Commercial Union, who hopes that their extreme westerly course will start to pay dividends soon. "Half the crew have become very religious after various bouts on the foredeck. where they have become well and truely christened. Also, many things are not taken for ranted any more: getting dressed, hot running water, eight hours of sleep, dry clothes and the value of £15,000" — the money each has paid to sail around the

Many of the yachts have experienced problems with their weather fax systems. The crew on Interspray finally mastered their machine yesterday, but the maps it produced prompted one crewman to report back "they seem as much help as asking Michael Fish which day of summer is best for a barbecue".

CEST TOT & DATDCCLIG**.

LATEST POSITIONS (at 14:00 GMT yesterdey, with miles to flor de Janerio): 1, Pride of Teesside (i MacGilliway), 4,382 miles: 2, Hofbrau Lager (P Goas), 4,385; 3, Botish Sasel V (R Tudor), 4,385; 4, Nuclear Electric (J Chibarden), 4,450; 5, Interspray (P J effes), 4,418; 6, Group 4 Securias (M Golding), 4,418; 7, Coopers & Lybrand (V Cherry), 4,422; 8, Phone-Poulenc (J O'Driscoll), 4,429; 9, Heath Insured (A Donoven), 4,435; 10, Commercial Union (W Sutherland), 4,449.

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Stretton's name and generos-

ity in some tangible way."

☐ Pakistan have demanded a

\$1 million guarantee to play in

the triangular one-day series

in South Africa together with

West Indies next year. "We are

the world champions and

crowd-pullers," Shahid Rafi,

secretary of the Board for

Control of Cricket in Pakistan, said in Karachi yesterday.

☐ Mohammed Azharuddin

was yesterday selected to cap-

tain India on their cricket tour

of Zimbabwe and South Afri-

ca beginning next month. The

unanimous, according to the chief selector, G. R. Vishwa-

CRICKET

Unknown leaves a cash

windfall to Derbyshire

THIS WEEK'S GREAT PAYOUT INCLUDES

5 WINNER OF WINNER OF £29,608 £22,206

4 DRAWS

10 HOMES .

5 AWAYS .

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E 266 IST DIVIDEND WINNERS OF £7,402 MCH

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Lark said.

St Mary's Hospital..

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

ST MARY'S, eager spoilers and adept ball smugglers, played with such resolution that Cambridge were restrict-ed to four tries at Grange Road yesterday in an annual fixture often yielding a more handsome victory.

Richard Batstone, the left wing, scored two, bringing his total to five in two matches this

This looks unlikely to be vintage year for the Light Blues. Their execution needs some fine tuning, but these are early days, and only four of the six blues are at present available, with Duthie, a lock, and Lloyd Davies, a centre, absent.

TRANSVAAL, the beaten Currie Cup finalists, will open a 12-day tour of Britain against Gloucester on Novem-

ber 13 (David Hands writes).

They then meet Bridgend on November 16 and Newport

on November 23, being joined on the way by those of their players presently with the

national side in France.

had previously spent eight years in the Royal Navy. The main acquisitions,

Fingertip control: Morgan, of St Mary's, gathers the ball despite a challenge from Thompson

Hopley, of Wasps, and England B. and Flood, another centre who has played for Bridgend and English Stu-dents, were also missing. Hopley has a broken hand which is likely to rule him out

for a fortnight. These ancient clubs produced a brisk contest, marred by imprecise handling follow-ing a heavy shower. Thinking processes were not impaired with St Mary's challenging the Light Blues with such varied lineout calls as Ulysses, Doncaster, and Rum Runners

St Mary's fielded six of the team which won the Hospitals

Transvaal open tour at Kingsholm

Their visit coincides with

that by the South African

Barbarians, who had hoped to play Gloucester but whose

itinerary now includes a Scot-

tish President's XV on Novem-

ber 18 and Crawshay's Welsh

two days later. South Africa

will also send a development

squad to the Pacific Islands this month, the first time a

St Mary's find honour in defeat The only undergraduate freshman in the team was Phillips, the right wing, who had previously spent eight who linked smoothly, more Mary's back row, whose tack-ling rarely wavered. Batstone. frequently to relieve Cambridge pressure than in an

attacking vogue.

Four wins in five games on tour in the United States and victory in their opening match in the Middlesex and Hertfordshire League last Saturday gave St Mary's the buoyancy to achieve almost equal

possession. Back play, notably that of Batstone, brought Cambridge familiar advantages and advances. Within a minute of Butland landing a 50-yard penalty goal for St Mary's. Price made a curving break, and served Boyd with a scor-

ing pass.

The next try was half an hour away, a testimony to St

touring party from the Repub-

lic has visited Fiji. Western

☐ Mickey Skinner, the England flanker, has postponed his comeback for Blackheath

to allow his knee more time to

heal. He had hoped to play

against Bath on Saturday, but

is now hoping to return on

October 31 against Morley.

Samoa and Tonga.

Goal kicking failures pre vented a more substantial Cambridge win in a match embellished by John Wilson, a communicative referee and former scrum half, now an inspector in the Metropolitan

a formidable runner, thun-

dered over at the corner, and

ran in his second try from a

perfectly timed pass from

Thompson landed only four of nine kicks, including the conversion of the final try by Dix, who ran over at the corner and cantered behind

COTTIET and cantered behind the posts. SCORERS: Cambridge University; Tries: Bestone (2). Boyd. Dk. Conventions: Thompson (2). St Wary's Hospital; Penalty goals; Thompson (2). St Wary's Hospital; Penalty goals; Thompson (2). St Wary's Hospital; Penalty goals; CaMBRDGE UNIVERSITY: A Boyd (St Oswe's and Jesus); S Phillips (RGS Wordster and St Edmund's). W Thompson (Amothe and Magdalene). D Witght, St Ambrose. Altrichem and Downley. K Price (Aberder's and St Edmund's). "Hi de Meid (Lady Mary HS, Cardiff and Hughes Hall; D Penrett, (Perse, Cambridge and Jesus). A Read (RGS High Wycombe and Hughes Hall; D Penrett, (Perse, Cambridge and Jesus). A Read (RGS High Wycombe and Hughes Hall; D Penrett, (Perse, Cambridge and Hughes Hall). Dower (RGS Remotestie and St John's). "D Dower (RGS Remotestie and St John's). "Remotestie and St John's). "Dower (RGS Remotestie and St John's). "Remotestie and St John's). "Remotestie and St John's). "Remotestie and St John's (RGS Remotestie and St John's). "Remotestie and Remotestie and Remotestie

RUGBY UNION

English selectors place trust on Irishman's loyalty

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

in the England side to play Ireland in an under-21 international at Newcastle on October 14 will give the selectors from both countries cause for thought: Burke is presently playing stand-off half for London Irish and his family is

Since no country has vast riches in this position (Ire-land's senior squad includes only one regular stand-off, Peter Russell) Burke's progress will be watched closely. He was born and educated in England (Epsom College) and played his rugby in a succession of England representative

teams.

He appeared for England's 16 and 18 group schools side and captained England colts throughout last season. Now 19, he is a student at Loughborough. University where his colleagues included Dictoff. Edwards, the immensely promising Wakefield centre who will play alongside him at Newcastle. So will him at Newcastle. So will Matthew Dawson with whom

schools internationals. "Paul attended our under-21 weekend at Trent College last summer and was one of ten additional players invited to the national get-together at Leicester in the first week of the season."John Elliott chairman of the under-21 selectors said. "We are assuming he

hopes to play for England."
Burke takes the place occupied by Paul Grayson (Water-loo) when England's Under-21 side beat Italy 37-12 on September 5: Grayson was not considered because he is a member of the squad for the Northern Division's match against Wales B on the same evening. Ireland are expected to confirm their XV after last

night's game at Dungannon.

THE inclusion of Paul Burke between their under-21s and an Ulster Development side. Several of Ireland's young hopefuls will seek a place on next summer's planned tour to Africa. The Irish Rugby Football Union are proposing to send a development side away so the A and B internationals this season will be under close

The senior squad preparing for the international on October 31 against Australia will ineet again in Dublin this weekend, the last such gathering before the arrival of the world champions on October 11. The international will be referred by Ed Morrison, of England, and Ireland's team will be named after the Australians' match against Ulster on

October 24. The Irish selectors will be delighted that Niall Malone, last season's under-21 standoff, is playing so well on tour for Oxford University Malone was the dominating influence in yesterday's 46-19 victory over Kobe Steel, the Japanese champions for the last four years, and scored a try as well as kicking two penalties and five conversions.

Since Barry O'Mahony, from Munster, scored two tries and formed an effective multinational back row for Oxford with Brendan Nasser, the Australian international, and Chad Lion-Cachet from South Africa, Irish prospects may be looking up after their grim summer tour of New Zealand.

Zealand.

BNGLAND UNDER-21 (v Ireland): M Magnietont (Rugby); J Sieightholme (Welceled), M Dewson (Northampton), D' Edwards (Watssteld), D Chery (Sarscene); P Burke (London Intah), K Bracken (Bistor), C Clerk (Swensee University), M Reagan (Bristor), D Crompton (Beth), A Diprose (Sarscene), R Bramley (Welceled, capter), R West (Gloucester), A North (Shelfled), M Fermell (Bedford), A Handley (Waterloo), M Olsen (Llendovery), C Johnson (Leicester), D Malloy (Wasps), L Delegilo (Wasps).

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Rouse finds himself centre of attention

THE Scotland selectors have recalled Paul Rouse, the Dundee High School FP centre, to the national squad for its first training session of the season, at Murrayfield on Sunday (Alan Lorimer writes). Rouse represented Scotland

B against France B three seasons ago in a match that damaged some reputations. Since then, he has struggled to find international form, but this season has looked like the kind of hard-running inside centre that Scotland are seeking as a replacement for Sean Lineen, who has retired from international rugby. The other centres in the squad are Scott Hastings. Ian Jardine, Gregor Townsend and Graham Shiel. The selectors have listed Mark Appleson, Mike Dods and Ken Logan as prospective successors to Peter Dods as

reserve full back.

SCOTLAND SQUAD: Backs: M Appleson (London Scotlish), G Armstong (Lechorest), C Chairmers (Melrose), it Dods (Sale), G Hestings (Melsonisms), S Fisenings (Welsonisms), I Jardine (Shing County), K Logen (String County), D Millerd (London Scotlish), A Nicol (Dundee High School FP), P Rouse (Dundee High School FP), P Rouse (Dundee High School FP), G Stiel (Melrose), D Stark (Boroughmur), G Townsend, (Gale), I Tuksio (Gele), Foresards: P Burnell (London Scotlish), J Corcovar (Cele), D Coronin (London Scotlish), N Edwissde (Hancots), D Jackson (Edirolugh Academics), P Jones (Gloucester), A Medoornid (Henot's FP), D Michor (Edirolugh Academics), K Marpe (Henot's FP) Metrosei, D. Jackson (Edinburgh Acada cala), P. Jones (Gloucaster), A Mecdon (Henot's FP), D. Michon (Edinburgh Academicals), K. Mare (Henot's FP), Moofison (London Scottish), A Rockus (Kelso), M. Ruddin (Wataonians), M. Sci (Edinburgh Academicals), Smil (Edinburgh Academicals), Smil (Edinburgh Academicals), Watar (Edinburgh Academicals), Watar (Edinburgh Academicals), Watar (Edinburgh Academicals), Watar (Edinburgh Academicals),

SCHOOLS SPORT

Idsall cannot field the country's best footballers

"Their football careers are

likely to follow a route which

ends up at some point with

BY CHRIS DIGHTON

IDSALL Comprehensive School, in Shifnall, Shrop-shire, probably has the best footballers in the country but they never play for the school team. Among the 950 pupils at Idsall are 32 hand-picked boys who are the cream of English schoolboy football. sent to the school from the Football Association's National School based at Lilleshall to pursue their aca-FOR COUPONS PHONEFREE 0800 800 000 - 24HRS demic qualifications.

The FA rules that the boys cannot represent the school at football — a judgment greeted with relief by Idsall's rivals in Stropshire. David Carr, Idsall's headmaster, said: "It wouldn't go down well with the county football associ-ation at all.

"We still benefit from the boys being here because they are natural athletes and they can represent the school at other sports. They also pass on a lot of their football knowledge to us.

coaching and they help at Idsall with the younger boys. You do see them kicking the ball around during break-

Carr describes the Idsali side as average, with a sprinkling of county players. Com-petitive matches for the FA boys come when they play fixtures as the FA National

and playing representative

School, taking on county sides

games. Life differs in that after hours they are taught football and the highlight at their last speech day was a visit by Howard Wilkinson, the manager of Leeds United.
Lilleshall -operates like a
traditional boarding school
with a headmaster in charge

of pastoral care. David Bloomfield, an FA spokesman said: "We are very aware of our responsibilities to the youngsters and their parents and exam results show the boys scoring marks higher

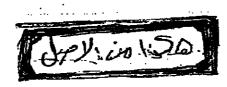
Founded in 1984 to prepare hoys for a future in football. Lilleshall has entrance requirements based on regional and national trials. The annual intake for the twoyear course is 16 but the FA school has been criticised for not producing enough top-

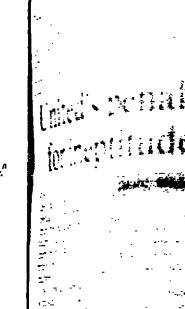
flight players. That pressure has led to a review on the future of the school by an FA sub-committee whose findings are yet to be revealed.

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Davies feeling in trim to lead Europe's challenge

LAURA Davies may have shed 52 pounds, but she must bear the burden of responsibility for Europe against the United States in the Solheim Cup, which begins at Dalmahoy, near Edinburgh. tomorrow.

Cast in the leading role. Davies is familiar with the individual pressures of being centre stage, but her performance this time is paramount to the European cause. She does not expect to fluff her

"The ultimate would be to face a six-foot putt for the match," Davies said yesterday. "It's what I would like more than anything. It's rather like reaching the 89th minute of the Cup Final and stepping up to take the penalty.
"I know Bernhard Langer

missed that putt in the Ryder Cup last year, but I bet he preferred to have the chance of holing it rather than anyone else. Anyway, it's a no-lose situation. If you make it you're the hero, if you miss then your team-mates are there to console you. I would expect to

Davies talks in such a matter-of-fact way that any sugges-tion of arrogance can be dismissed. She is charming,

MANCHESTER United

team sufficiently knew

their responsibilities in a

multi-million pound

We should sympathise

with Alex Ferguson and his

players for losing to Torpe-

do in Moscow on Tuesday

having given a far more

intelligent performance in

the second leg — Hughes, sent off, apart — than in the

first, and ultimately losing only by the expediency of

penalty kicks. Yet so long as this bizarre system is used

to determine otherwise am-

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should be prepared at the

not. It is easy to agree with

Ferguson's view that to

discuss penalty kicks be-

forehand would have sug-

gested to his players a lack

of confidence. When how-

ever, they can determine

twice done so against Uni-

ted in Europe — it is irresponsible not to prac-

tice as a matter of course.

This Manchester had

transparently not done, and they paid dearly for

their ineptitude. Given the

scale of remuneration of

Ferguson and his players,

the degree of inefficiency is

inexcusable, for the cost to

thousands of pounds. They are lucky still to have their

In the final analysis, it is

beside the point that im-

portant matches are decid-

ed by a system irrelevant to

normal play. It would be far better, for instance, follow-

ing extra time to have

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Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, on the

Briton relishing her top billing in the

Solheim Cup match against the United States in the hard world of profes-sional sport in that she invites

affection rather than jealousy. Davies is committed by the challenge, any challenge, and there could be no more tangi-ble evidence of that than her oss of weight. She once offered the excuse

that she could put up with her broad shoulders because "they bring in the money. Mostly, however, she partied inquisitors by answering laconically. Who wouldn't want to look like Jane Fonda, anyway?

Davies is pretty, but her 20can-a-day addiction to fizzy drinks, coupled to a craze for fast food, hoisted her to a sturdy 18st.

Then, last year, it all changed She was lounging in a motel room in Springfield. Illinois, with the inevitable can of cola in hand, flicking through the TV channels, when Tommy Lasonda, manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers baseball team, popped up selling the virtues of a milk-

Irwin put United two up.

Chuganov made it 2-1, and

shy and sensitive, and a rarity shake mix with allegedly wondrots dietary powers. Davies, a baseball lover, knew that Lasorda had been saddled with the nickparne of the "Fat Italian", and she was astonished by how trim he looked. She was sold, and it shows.

"I've not finished yet," she said. I set myself the challenge of losing 70 pounds, and I'm winning. I aim to be down to 13st this winter, and I have no intention of putting it back on. Once I set myself a challenge I have the willpower to see it through.

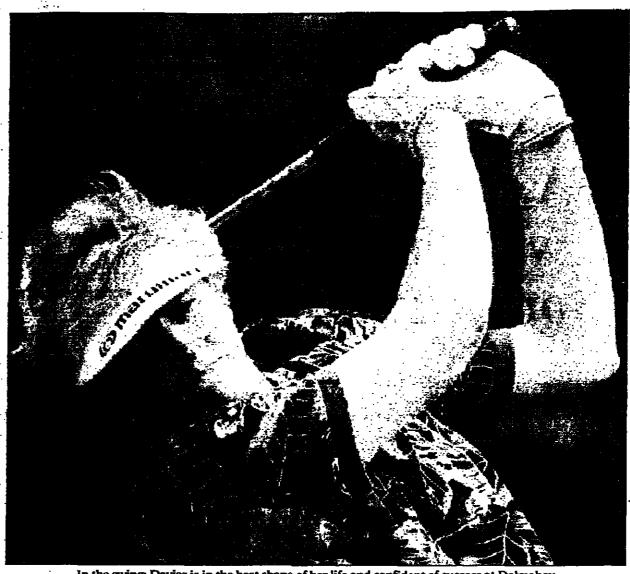
Her game has not suffered. She did miss four successive halfway cuts on the LPGA Tour earlier this year, but quickly cured a problem aris-ing from an imbalance of weight. She has lost little of her prodigious distance off the tee, and has compensated for a slight loss of weight with her irons by learning to play more

Apart from a temporary lapse in the British Open last

She has won three times in Europe, where she is 76 under par for 34 rounds, and has United States. She has earned £66,323 for No. 1 place in Europe and another \$129,689 (about £76,300) in the United States.

Davies likes a wager and owns a greyhound called Dessie Again. "I don't hoard my money: I spend it." she said. "I might end up with nothing in ten or 15 years" time, but somehow I think that unlikely." She has invested in three houses, two of into one home for herself, and she recently took delivery of a motorised camper. "I'll use it on the Tour," she said. "Anyway, it's a nice tax loss."

For the moment she is transfixed by the Solheim Cup. This is the most importank week of my year." she said. "Yes, it would be wonderful if I won the British and US Opens again, and in the same year, but as far as our Tour, and the game, is concerned then I think it is more important to beat the Americans This would be the big one, and I have no doubt that we can do



In the swing: Davies is in the best shape of her life and confident of success at Dalmahoy

United's penalty

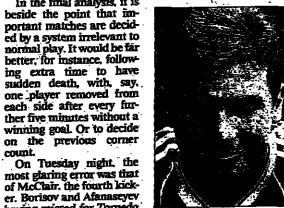
Hibernian progress despite elimination

then Bruce, mostly depend-able, changed his normal direction and his kick was saved Ulyanov made it 2-2.
At this point, McClair's task was crucial: if he and Robson scored, United were home. Instead, he could hardly have been more casual had he been playing on Blackpool sands He ballooned his kick into the night sky, and when the unfortunate

when the unfortunate Pallister a defender missed the sudden death sold like the sudden death sold like United were out. (Taking penalties is only half what Ferguson singested it is beforehand a certainly more a mental challenge than a physica one, but the risk element and temperamental unsteadiness is reduced by routine.

A penalty taker must have a rhythm and procedure like a juggler or acrobat, going through the same motions of placing turning pacing and dire tion every time in total focus, climinating peripheral influences like a stage performer.

If the ball is hit hard and the club can be measured in accurately, goalkeepers potentially hundreds of cannot save, even if moving early. I have seen amateurs more professional than McClair.



McClair: vital miss

FROM RODDY FORSYTH IN BRUSSELS shareholders who feel that and the team showed it could cope in such conditions.

IF IT was predictable that Hibernian would be dismissed from the Uefa Cup by Anderlecht few would have cared to suggest that the manner of their going would be so spirited. Hibernian drew I-I in Belgium, but because the first leg finished 2-2, they were eliminated on the away goals rule. Yet this was the could not guarantee players' wages and which had previously been forced to next off a thereer attempt by the richt of Midlothian chairman Wal-

lace Mercer. Hauled from the brink of insolvency by the owner of the Tom Farmer, the players celebrated by winning last season's Skol Cup to guarantee entry into the Uefa Cup and. despite their failure, they can reflect that they have travelled a decent distance.

Not everyone connected with the chib sees it this way and there are supporters and

progress is not sufficiently rapid, but the 2000 Hibernian followers who witnessed the 1-1 draw with Anderlecht in the Van den Stock stadium on Tuesday night saw an admirable performance.

It became apparent as Tuesday's game wore on that Hibernian's chance of being included in the second round draw had been decided in the first leg at Easter Road and there have been many brooding recollections of the missedopportunities which would probably have turned the tie. We had our chances in the

first game, there's no doubt about that, said John keeper, yesterday. The 40year-old English veteran added: "I don't doubt that we could have gone through and probably most of the lads feel we should have done it. The atmosphere on Tuesday night was the equal of anything you will find in European football

"To lose a goal in the first couple of minutes, equalise

soon afterwards and go on to control large parts of the game just shows what this side can do, but you can see now that it was really won and lost in Edinburgh".

Before the sides first met two weeks ago there was complacency in the Anderlecht camp. Subsequently the Belgians admitted that Hibernian had given them their hardest game of the season at Easter Road and were subsequently jeered from the field by their own supporters at the final whistle on Tuesday.

Alex Miller, the Hibernian manager, has demonstrated clearly that he can marshal limited resources to their maximum potential and if his directors are able to make scarce cash available they can reasonably look forward to a sound return on their

Liverpool look on bright side

IN THIS most distraught of seasons, Liverpool will take what they can get. So, a 2-1 victory over Apollon Limassol in Cyprus on Tuesday night. aligned with progress through to the last 16 of the Cup Winners' Cop, was, naturally, greeted with a degree of

The win, in admittedly intimidating circumstances, took the Merseyside chub to a flattering aggregate score of 8-2. Astonishingly, it was Liver-pool's first win away in any competition since they defeated Oldnam Athletic at Boundary Park in a league fixture back in January.

Although Graeme Souriess.

the manager, offered only a "happy to go through" sentiment after a less than-memorable game, Ian Rush, for one,

did find reason for both personal and collective optimism. The Welsh international forward will make his 500th senior appearance for Liverpool on Saturday against Sheffield Wednesday at Anfield confident that victory in Cyprus will precipitate a

change in fortune.

"I do believe that the good times are not too far away again," he said. "Even though we have lost several games this season, we have not been getting battered. There has not been one team which has really outclassed us, so I do feel content about our future.

"If we can do well this weekend and also against Chesterfield in the Coca-Cola Cup next Tuesday night, it will provide us with a tremendous boost," he said.

Rush's goal against Limassol in midweek was his fifth of the tie, his twentieth in European competition and his 285th for his club, leaving him requiring just one more goal to equal Roger Hunt's record aggregate of 286. In contrast to the ebullient

mood of Rush was the palpable embarrassment of Paul Stewart, the midfield player who was sent off on Tuesday night for striking Christophi, the Limassol goalkeeper. Although Stewart could face a three-match suspension from European competition for violent conduct, Efstratios Papaeistration, the Uefa observer, has indicated that his report will be sympathetic on the basis that Christophi overreacted to what was little more than a light slap in the face.

sold at Newcastle By Louise Taylor

All tickets

NEWCASTLE: United, unbeaten in the first division, have sold all 10,000 of their season tickets. Twelve miles down the road, Sunderland are struggling and Tuesday night's 2-1 defeat at Watford did little to ease their troubles.

Watford's first win in nine attempts increased the pressure mounting on Malcolm Crosby, the Sunderland manager while relaxing that on Steve Perryman, his counterpart at Vicarage Road.

Two goals from Andy Hessenthaler put Watford ahead before Don Goodman mitigated the damage three minutes from time.

Swindon Town's first win in five games lifted them to fifth 1-0 win at home to Grimsby Town where Craig Maskell was on target for Swindon. Neil Warnock, the Notts

County manager, is looking increasingly insecure after his side's poor start to the season, which continued at Tranmere Rovers where County lost 3-1. Aldridge, Mungall and Brannan scored for Rovers, with all three goals being

created by Morrissey.
Peter Shilton, the Plymouth Argyle player-manager earned his side a point in a mid-table second division match at Burnley with a string

of outstanding saves.

Cardiff City went out in the first round of the Cup Winners' Cup in Austria — but it proved far from a Viennese waltz for Admira Wacker. Having drawn 1-1 at Ninian Park a fortnight earlier, Cardiff lost 2-0 in Austria, the decisive second goal was scored in the final minute of the match.

Hibernian bowed out of the Uefa Cup after drawing 3-3 overall with Anderlecht. A first round, second leg, 1-1 draw in Belgium on Tuesday night dictated that the Scottish side

lost on away goals.

Bohemians, of Ireland, went out of the Cup Winners' Cup after losing 4-0 at Steaua Bucharest.

ATHLETICS

Russians suspend Artemova for life team-mate, Manuela Derr

Moscow: Natalia Artemova. who tried to trick drugs testing officials by concealing a rubber pouch of clean urine in her athletics federation president, Valentin Balakhnichev, said her original ban of four years for a positive test was increased to life after the cheating incident was exposed.

Artemova, 29, won the 1,500 metres at the Commonwealth of Independent States was caught cheating at the Oslo grand prix meeting in

Kairin Krabbe's hopes of contesting a four-year doping ban suffered a blow vesterday when her German dub announced it was taking steps to expel her. The Neubrandenburg athletics club starting explusion proceedings against Krabbe, the world 400 metre silver medal- mission would have to decide

The (appeal) proceedings would then have to stop because there would be no legal basis because the athletes would not come under the DLV law," a DLV legal expert said. "It's theoretically possible up an appeal without being members. But the legal com-

The German arhletics federa-

tion (DLV) recommended to

Athletic Federation (IAAF)

banned after they tested posi-

tive for the banned drug,

denbuterol, during random

tests in July. Krabbe and her fellow east

Germans had planned to fight

the ruling by appealing to the

DLV's legal commission, the

tion panel. But the trio will

have no legal right to appeal if

they are thrown out of their

Guilty secure profit from drug appeals

list, Grit Breuer, and her on that." (Agencies)

SOME competitors are contesting positive drug tests, not because they are innocent but because they hope to win "the public relations war", a leading sports lawyer said yester-

day (John Goodbody writes).
In an implicit reference to
Harry "Butch" Reynolds, the American world 400m recordholder, who unsuccessfully protested his innocence throughout his two-year ban and for his pains was given a further suspension until the end of 1993, the lawyer, Mark Gay, said that "there comes a point at which some people begin to think that he would not be pursuing this matter with such vigour unless there was something in the claims he was making.

"To this extent it is then possible for the athlete to mitigate the public relations consequence, and hence earnings, of a positive test," he

Gay, legal advisor to the International Amateur Athletic Federation, gave warning at a seminar organised by the Sports Council: "It cannot be long before a governing body enmeshed in expensive litiga-tion, concludes that it is perhaps better to impose a shorter ban in exchange for an end to legal proceedings, especially where those proceedings could potentially undo the results of other positive cases attained in the course of the governing body's anti-doping campaign."

Unless a system of drug testing was supported by adequate constitutional provisions there was no point in even starting to test for such substances, Gay said.

More than 30 British organisations have had their con-stitutions examined by the Sports Council to remove loopholes. By next March the other bodies will be cleared.

Braves again meet Pirates

Atlanta Braves clinched the National League West division title for the second successive year on Tuesday and will again meet Pittsburgh Pirates in the baseball play-offs. Atlanta won last

Writers' choice

Athletics: Linford Christie and. Sally Gunnell, both Olympic champions, have been voted athletes of the year by the British Athletics Writers Association.

Jahangir withdraws

Squash rackets: Jahangir Khan, forced to retire from the World Open last week with a back injury, has withdrawn from the Durch Open later this month and from the European Open in Kiel next month.

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NEWALE: OVENDEN COMBENATION: First division: - Ipswich 4, Brighton 1.
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(Gerl, 6-4, 6-4, H Skoff (Austria) bi J Conde
(Sp.), 6-3, 7-5, E Sánchez (Sp.) bi M Visien
(bi), 6-4, 6-1. Second round: G Perezfloiden (Arg) bi J Sánchez (Sp.), 6-4, 4-6, 64, F Fonteng (Fr) bi F Sentron (Fr), 6-4, 6-4,
S Bruguera (Sp.) bi B Karbacher (Ger.), 6-3,
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LEIPZIG: Women's tournament; First round: J Novolne (Cz), 6-2, 6-4, S Appelmens (Bel) bi N Murs-Jagermen (Holl), 6-4, 4-6, 6-6.
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FOOTBALL

Uefa Cup First round, second leg Spora Luxembourg v Sheffield Wednesday (7 00).

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First di-vision: Leeds v Liverpool (7 00), Marchesser United v Sunderland (7.00), Navocastio v Notis County (7 00), Wolver-hampton v Stoke (7 00) OTHER SPORT

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BCXING: Commonwealth middleweight title. Richas Woodhall (Telford) v John Ashton (Telford Ice Rink). SPEEDWAY: Homelike League: First di-vision: Ipswich v Coventry (7 30), Swindon v King's Lynn (7 45)

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Hammam opposes suspension over film

FA charges Jones with disrepute for part in video

By Louise Taylor

VINNIE Jones, the Wimbledon midfield player, was yes-terday charged by the Football Association with bringing the game into disrepute, for his part in a videotape that glorifies violent tackles and

Sam Hammam, the Wimbledon owner, described Jones as a "mosquito brain" for agreeing to present the film, Soccer's Hard Men. The FA will decide what action to take in 14 days' time but the penalty seems certain to be a suspension rather than a fine. Disrepute cases have always been dealt with by hitting the offender in the pocket but, as Jones has been highly paid by Vision Video, a pecuniary punishment would be

Suspension would hurt Jones and Wimbledon The FA has unlimited powers in

Hammam yesterday said:

Sheffield Wednesday against

Spora Luxembourg in the

Uefa Cup tonight, two weeks after being close to death

when he was accidentally

knocked unconscious in the

first leg at Hillsborough (Lou-

Warhurst's inclusion repre-

sents one of eight changes

made by Trevor Francis, the

Sheffield Wednesday manag-

er, from the side that beat

Tottenham Hotspur in a Pre-

mier League fixture last Sun-

day. Francis takes the

opportunity to rest players

who helped Wednesday take

Francis said: "Paul

Warhurst made an effort to be

fit for our match against

Tottenham last Sunday, but

felt a little dizzy. Since then he

has trained again and feels he

"Ultimately the decision was

left to him. He has regained

his confidence and has a new

air of confidence about play-

this first round tie.

is ready to return.

ise Taylor writes).

about this, I am very unhappy. He has let himself down badly. Any FA action should be directed at Vinnie. If he was suspended, then Wimbledon would suffer for something that is nothing to do with us.

"According to a player's contract, Jones would have had to consult the club that he was playing for at the time [Chelsea] before making the video. I assume he had their blessing. It is nothing to do

Colin Hutchinson, Chelsea's managing director, said: "We were not asked permission by Jones. And if he had asked we would not have allowed it. But we were never approached."

Jones, 27, who rejoined Wimbledon last month after stints with Leeds United, Sheffield United and Chelsea, uses the video to detail ploys such as elbowing opponents, rak-Hammam yesterday said: ing their calves after the ball is gone, pulling their under-arm

Warhurst returns for Uefa Cup tie PAUL Warhurst returns for ing up front rather than in Sheffield Wednesday against defence." Warhurst repalces the ineli-

gible Mark Bright, who has recently joined Sheffield Wednesday from Crystal Palace. Francis gives debuts to Julian switch the following week's Sheffield derby at Bramali Watts, a central defender signed for £80,000 from Roth-Lane to 3pm. erham United last season, and

Michael Williams, a young Francis said: "Both Watts and Williams have doen well for the reserves and this is an ideal opportunity for them. Although we are leading 8-1. they will always be able to say ough offered £60,000.

they made their debuts in a Among those absent from the Sheffield Wednesday side are Chris Woods, Chris Waddle, Carlton Palmer, Viv Anderson and Chris Bart-

Williams. ☐ Steffan Pettersson, the Swedish international, scored a goal in each half as Ajax sailed through their UEFA Cup second leg match against Austria Salzburg yesterday to win 6-1 on aggregate.

hair and treading on their toes at corner kicks.

The video was condemned by the Professional Footballers' Association, which investigated the possibility of issuing an injunction to ban it but discovered this was not legally

Vision Video are predicting sales of 200,000 when the film goes on sale on October

commentary could guarantee a suspension on its own. On the video, Jones says: "If you are going over the top on me, you've got to put me out of the game because I'll be coming back for you, whether it's in the next five minutes or next

☐ Aston Villa have persuaded BSkyB to bring forward the kick-off of the Premier League match against Queens Park Rangers on November I to

BSkyB's Sunday games have all kicked off at 4pm since the start of the season. Steve Stride, the Villa secre-tary, said: "I wrote to the Premier League at the start of the season and told them 4pm was the worst possible time which could have been picked. In the winter months it will be dark and cold by then and those conditions are not conducive to attracting people away from the comfort of their

BSkyB have also agreed to

☐ Peterborough have to decide whether to go ahead with the signing of Chris Wilcox form Hull after a Football League tribunal yesterday set a fee of £90,000. Hull wanted £200,000, while Peterbor-

The tribunal also ruled that pay an additional £20,000 for Wilcox after 30 appearances, plus 20 per cent of any future transfer profit.

The tribunal decided that Charlton Athletic must, pay £75,000 for John Robinson, the Brighton forward, plus one-third of any future transfer profit. Charlton had offered £50,000 plus 20 per cent, but Brighton wanted £150,000.



Wright's reprieve helps Taylor

By STHART JONES FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

AN AMATEUR cameraman has come to the aid of lan Wright and Graham Taylor. A video, taken during Milwall's Coca-Cola Cup tie at Highbury last week, provides Arsenal football club forward was indeed struck by a missile

Wright, who was accused of feigning injury by the chair-man of Millwall. Reg Burr, might have been asked by the Football Association to explain his conduct. However. there is now no need. Had that been the case. Taylor, the England manager, would have been reluctant to select Wright in his England squad, to be announced today.

his representatives that they all bear a responsibility to maintain a high standard of behaviour on and off the pitch. Wright, a member of the club with the worst disciplinary record in the Premier League, has already been cautioned three times this

Although he is unlikely to figure in the starting line-up tie against Norway at Wembley on October 14. Wright would be a valuable alternative should the prime candidate be missing Alan Shearer, as long as he is available, is certain to lead the attack. But Taylor is short of other options. David Hirst is injured, the experiment of employing Nigel Clough failed in Spain three weeks

ago, and Peter Beardsley is

not sure to have recovered from his hamstring strain to play for Everton against Oldham Athletic at Boundary Park on Sunday.

The confidence of David White appears to have been lost, if only temporarily, since he made his debut in Santander, and Tony Daley, Taylor's choice of winger during the European championship injury. The vacancy on the flank could conceivably be filled by John Salako. Salako first came to promi-

nence during the South Pacific tour in the summer of last year, but his career was suspended by a severe knee injury. After a revolutionary operation, which had been perfected in California, he was able to resume for Crystal Palace this season.

Fitness uncertainties will concern Taylor in other areas. He has already indicated that Paul Gascoigne will be in-volved, although not necessar-ily as an official member of the squad. The damage inflicted on his knee in Rome last weekend has yet to be fully clarified. Mark Wright, who was not taken by Liverpool to Cyprus for their European another doubt. Since Rob

by problems at right back. Taylor habitually springs at least one surprise in his parties but he is likely to retain as many of his recognised members as he can. The only area, though, which appears to be straightforward is keepers. Woods and Martyn.

Jones is also recuperating,

Taylor continues to be beset

End of the road for sportscar contest

THE world sportscar champ-ionship is to be axed in 1993 and replaced with a series of GT races, ending 40 years of global sportscar racing, officials said yesterday.

Max Mosley, the president of Fisa, the governing body, is

expected to confirm the end of the ailing championship which has seen low entries and cancelled races this season at the association's annual conference in Paris next week.

"We'll have to forget about a Group C championship," Mosley said. "The cars won't be around next year. Our priorities are to get our GT regulations sorted out and get a good calendar. The first races will be at Daytona and Sebring, and we'll have to see where we go from there."

Group C cars produce per-

formances much like those of Formula One racing cars and there have been moves to introduce regulations to bring in vehicles more closely, resembling traditional road-going cars to open up competition beyond the big factory teams. The world sportscar champ-

ionship is to wind up at Magny Cours, France, on October 18. The 1992 title has already been won by Peugeot. At its peak, in 1989, seven manufacturers fought for the world title amidst packed fields. But the change to prohibitively costly regulations meant that, of this year's races, only Le Mans attracted more

than 11 cars. But even Le Mans is taking legal action against Fisa for lost revenue after the famous event attracted an entry of only 28, the lowest since 1932 (Reuter)

1996 decision criticised

Strasbourg: The International Olympic ... Committee was swayed by commercial considerations in deciding to stage the 1996 Games in Atlanta. Council of Europe committee report presented here

yesterday."
"It is regretted that these kind of considerations pre-vailed in the choice of Atlanta and in the rejection of the historically justifiable offer made by Greece," the report, signed by Günther Müller, a German Christian Democrat member of the European parliament, stated. (AFP)

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Exhausted Faldo pulls out of the Stuttgart Masters

Taylor last week reminded

By Our Sports Staff

NICK Faldo, the world's leading golfer, has withdrawn from the Mercedes German Masters, which starts in Stuttgart today, because he is "mentally and physically exhausted".

Faldo had been contracted to play in a strong field including Fred Couples, the American winner of the US Masters this year. Ian Woosnam, Severiano Ballesteros, José-Maria Olazábal, Sandy Lyle and Bernhard Langer. He is due to play in the Toyota World Match Play Championship, which starts at Wentworth next week, and has decided that it would be best to take a rest.

played one of his worst rounds of the year during the final stages of the Piaget Open on Sunday. Leading by three shots with 10 holes to play, he

had a nightmare finish of six bogeys and only four pars to come home in 42 and slump to joint fifth place. Faldo could not understand

what had happened to his normal impeccable swing, as he went into trees, bushes, and Andy McFee, the German Masters tournament director,

said yesterday that Faldo would be fined £250 for withdrawing after the deadline for scratching, but it will not hurt Faldo too much as he has already won £591,094 on the European Tour this year Faldo has competed in 14

European Tour events this year and has won four of them and been in the top five in It is not surprising after Faldo, the Open champion, seven. Even though he has been far more relaxed than usual for most of the year, the strain in being constantly in contention for victory is begin-

ning to show. Anders Forsbrand, the Swedish player who is second to Faldo in the European money list, almost £224,000 behind him, has also withdrawn from the German Masters for the same reasons. But the Swede has played in 27 European

tournaments.

The Eisenhower Trophy, the prime objective of which is to foster friendship and sportsmanship among the peoples of the world, tees off on two courses in Vancouver today, having drawn a record 49 nations to its eighteenth gathering.

Representing Great Britain and Ireland in the world team championship will be four young men with a cumulative age of 82. Mathew Stanford, Dean Robertson, Raymond Burns and Bradley Dredge, the youngest quartet ever to do

Players support forfeiture rule

MICKEY Walker, Europe's captain, yesterday applauded the decision that a player forced to withdraw from the singles will forfeit the point in the Solheim Cup golf match which starts at Dalmahoy tomorrow (Mitchell Platts

The tournament committee yesterday announced its intention to maintain its stance against the "envelope" rule that has created so much controversy since its introduc-tion at the Ryder Cup in 1979; most recently in the PGA Cup. "Our way eliminates any possibility of abuse or controbody knows about it before they play. It is a fact of life that per cent fit, but they must still tee up."

Some Europeans viewed the decision by the United States to withdraw Steve Pate from the singles on the final day of the Ryder Cup last September as a means of assuring his team of at least half a point. He had been injured in a car crash before the start of the event, but he played in the fourballs on the Saturday

Two weeks ago, in the PGA Cup match in Ireland, Larry Gilbert, of the United States, told his captain that he was ill

and he was subsequently with-drawn from the singles. Paul Leonard, the captain of the Great Britain and Ireland team, said: "I heard from an American official that Gilbert withdrew because he didn't think he could win his match."

The Solheim Cup committee had plenty of time to discuss the issue, which also received the support of the United States team, as heavy rain caused the course to be closed for the better part of yesterday. Alice Miller, the United States captain, is hopeful that her players will be able to play a full round today.

Davies's quest, page 31

Broncos chase club title

WIGAN'S title of world club champions is their proudest boast, one that the Brisbane Broncos, winners last weekend of Australia's Winfield Cup, have pronounced them-English soil next month.

The idea of a fourth World Club Challenge match was not originally seen as feasible because of the additional pressures on a congested season of the World Cup final between Great Britain and Australia on October 24. Brisbane, who are contributing eight of Australia's squad of 22, delighted Wigan, twice winners of the world title, by their surprise announcement yesterday, which has received the tacit support of Ken Arthurson, the Australian Rugby League chairman.

Organising a match of such importance at short notice, in the week following the game at Wembley, will not be as easy. "The time scale is ex-tremely short. Until we can look into the logistics, we can't give the proposal a yes or no until the end of next week," David Howes, the Rugby Football League spokesman, said.

Martin Offiah will miss Wigan's game at Leigh on Sunday after pulling up with knee tendon trouble in the 78o rout of Swinton in the Lancashire Cup quarter-final on Tuesday. "It's not serious, more frustrating, but it will mean resting for a few days and I have to be been as and I hope to be back next. week." he said.

Oldham, the second divi-sion leaders, have fined Steve Kerry, one of the league's most ford for an undisclosed fee.

Stemp faces board after drugs test

Worcestershire slow left-arm bowler, has become the first. cricketer to be identified by the Sports Council's random drug tests. Stemp's case will be heard by the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) disciplinary committee at

Edgbaston on Tuesday. Stemp was picked out for testing by one of the TCCB's panel of four independent officials during a visit to a first-class match last season. Between 12 and 16 players are tested each year. The officials have complete freedom to select their matches and players within. Cricket has been carrying

out testing for eight years in response to the Sports Council's request. Until now it has enjoyed a clean sheet, in spite of Ian Botham's suspension for possession of marijuana.

One player was investigated earlier in the season, but it turned out that he was taking a painkiller for arthritis, and he was cleared. "There have been one or two scares, but this is the first case of substance,"

Stemp: tested

RICHARD Stemp, the Geoff Cook the secretary of the Cricketers' Association.

said yesterday. "We understand that in situations like this, board procedures must be followed, but Richard fully expects to satisfy the hearing," Michael Vockins, the Worcestershire secretary, said.

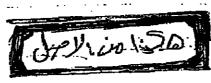
Stemp, 24, emerged last season as one of the country's most promising slow bowiers, taking 28 wickets. He is known to have respiratory problems, although that was discounted as an explanation substance discovered was an amphetamine:

This is unlikely to be part of medication, but it is also hard to see what drug would boost the performance of a slow leftarm bowier, unless, as in one or two cases in snooker, he used beta blockers. An amphetamine has the opposite

We have tightened the guidelines, and the Sports Council are satisfied there are now no loopholes," a TCCB spokesman said. "Players are required to register any medi-cations they are taking at the start of the season."

The Cricketers' Association supports the TCCB's stance. We are reasonably happy with the testing procedures, a CA representative is involved in the testing procedure," Cook said, "and we think sportsmen have got to accept drug testing is necessary."

Karachi: The Asian Cricket Conference will meet in this Pakistan city on October 23 to finalise details of bids for the 1995 World Cup. Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka are all bidding for the Cup, along with Britain and South Africa.





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Men at work dig for glory

The days of the churlish

road worker are numbered

he Great British Pot-hole is a landmark into which not even the **European Commission seems** inclined to scramble with a metric measuring rod and a set of daft regulations. But the arcane world of spades, pickaxes and the ubiquitous JCB is, nonetheless, undergo-ing change. Soon, the Tshirted giant who has just tossed a shovel full of mud over your brogues could find himself rounded upon by colleagues: "Oi, you'll cost us our certificate!"

Next month Westminster City Council launches its Considerate Roadworks Scheme, which aims to remove for ever the dread implications of the announcement Danger men at work. The army of lads who toil on the roads in Westminster's 8.5 square miles (4,000 road excavations in the past 12 months) will each have a number. And each site will have a board with a telephone number, so that we shall be able to ring up and say: "Number 53 has just dropped a pneumatic drill on my foot."

Not that number 53 will, if he wants his certificate. The November pilot scheme aims to become fully-fledged next April and each year thereafter a panel of judges will choose the best managed sites, on the basis of noise, safety, courtesy and other criteria. "Members of the winning teams will get



Vested interest: workmen will have new purpose

a certificate," says Michael Begley, the team leader in the council's corporate policy de-partment. "It will be something for their CV." The scheme is a mirror of

one that has been operating in the neighbouring City of London for three years and an extension of Westminster's existing Considerate Builders Scheme, for which a team of five inspectors sets out this morning to judge this year's competition. The winners will be those builders who have met the seven criteria in a voluntary code of practice for which 400 firms have signed up: considerate, quiet. clean, tidy safe, responsible, accountable. The "best site" award is a trophy.

In the muddy footsteps of these attempts to clean up the image of Britain's most abused workforce is a piece of legislation, the Roads and Streets Works Act. which comes into force next January. This should mean an end to the quaint system under which the gas board dug a hole yesterday, a cyclist fell down it last night, the council filled it in today, just in time for the electricity board to dig it up tomorrow. Under the act, the utility which orginally digs a hole will be responsible for restoring the road surface, thus giving the utilities a vested interest in making sure that each knows what the other is up to. It will also put the full cost of excavating a hole on to the utility rather than leaving councils to clean

up the mess. And Westminster will be able to award contracts on the basis of past performance. Already there is talk of a new sign appearing above our be-loved potholes. No danger award-winning men at work.

Three jeers for the Christians

The crucifixion, live on TV, with sponsored "user-friendly" nails? Gore Vidal's latest book is carefully crafted, satirical and funny

but Simon Jenkins finds its non-stop gall not to his taste

prerogative of the young to cause of-fence? Gore Vidal is 66, not young and clearly likes to cause offence. He can be seen in the current film Bob Roberts, playing an ageing liberal politician, his jowls quivering with rage as a young rightwinger edges him from his Senate seat. He can still be heard on talk shows, reciting his litany of risque aphorisms. He claims vast influence over the American election campaign by his writings and campus appearances. He calls down damnation on the American constitution. And this week he has a new

But which Gore Vidal is it by? Vidal the essayist and learned critic? Vidal the writer of epic historical novels? Or Vidal the vain, cynical eccentric, shouting profane home thoughts from abroad in a gilded cage in southern Italy, yearning for the attention America grudgingly gives her outrageous

Vidal calls Live from Golgotha a comedy, a satire on the birth of Christianity. It is extremely offensive and he is aware that. in the post Salman Rushdie era, this puts him at a personal risk. He avoids pre-publicity. His transatiantic fans murmur that the novel is Voltairean: other critics dismiss it as Life of Brian out of *Up Pompeii*. His publishers nervously hope for a "storm", but are uncertain how to blow one up if Vidal will not give formal interviews. I find the new book not so

much a comedy as a mystery. Only my admiration for Vidal's previous work led me to plough through it and go to meet him. Whereas the blasphemies of Satanic Verses are rooted, dare I say it, in a moderately affectionate view of Islam, Vidal's view of Christianity is that of a small boy shouting rude words across the playground. He seems to revel in the appellation of Anti-Christ. Vidal is a noble American. Wealthy, physically dominatlooking, he surely has no need for such bile.

The book itself is built round a central comic idea, that of a timetravelling hacker who has "wiped" the gospels from the global computer in some future age when humans can move back and forth through history. From this point on, humour and bad taste fight a war across the pages. Bad taste is usually the winner. The crucifixion is recast so a grossly overweight Judas is to be killed, while a Hollywood Zionist fanatic is bearned back in time to "rise from the dead". Golgotha is to be prerecorded and shown "live" by NBC as part of a television ratings war. Chaos ensues as sponsors clutter the scene, from a manufacturer of "user-friendly nails" to the Sony corporation, worried about equal time for non-Christian

Through the story runs Vidal's homosexual leitmotif. The narrator and hero of the book, St Timothy, is

portrayed as St Paul's lover on the road to Damascus. He is duly given the task of "fronting" the Golgotha show for NBC and of sanitising Jesus for history by writing the one surviving gospel, when he is not worrying about his circumcision. (Is this the Vidal who once wrote that in literature "sexual revelation is a matter of tact and occasion"?) Back and forth they all go, from Ephesus to Rome to Jerusalem to

Hollywood, an orgy at every stop. Certainly Vidal can be furny: television Hollywood wracking its small brains over Pontius Pilate's sound money policies or signing up Spielberg's special effects team to ensure a good storm at Golgotha. His knowledge of the ancient world is copious. He perambulates Nero's Rome with a sure pen. The writer Petronius is clearly a personal hero: Vidal sinks him into his suicide bath with evident regret.

But is this really Voltaire? Or is it a tiring iconoclast seeking a shot of intravenous limelight as he approaches what he calls the "springtime of my senescence"? I would like it to be the former. America may be rich in cultural anarchists

For Candide everything was for the best ... for Vidal, everything seems to be for the worst

but it is short on learned eccentrics. Vidal's demythologising of American history, of Jefferson, of Lincoln, of the Hollywood of the silent screen, has been brilliant. His campaigning journalism, his dissection of America's constitutional arthritis is no less searing. He is a righteous critic of the militaryindustrial complex and of the America in the 1970s and 1980s.

On contemporary politics he seems more jejune. Listening to him interviewed once on the subject, Bernard Levin wrote that it was like hearing Mozart being interviewed on billiards (which may be unfair on Mozart). But this is perhaps the inevitable consequence of exile. Vidal departed for southern Italy after falling out with the Kennedys a quarter century ago
— a long time away, even with frequent visits. The amber seems to have hardened round the gadfly. His America has ever since been one of Watergate, CIA conspiracies, police dictatorship, race wars and a collapse into philistinism.

Even the most sophisticated political intuition needs the constant douche of the hustings, the constituency, the local pork barrel. Vidal goes back occasionally to cause a tir. He formed a People's Party in 1970 and even ran for the Senate in 1982. Since then, I sense the

political input has narrowed to

fleeting visits to sheltered New York and the Hollywood hills. Even to a British observer, his view of his native country seems two-dimensional, lacking the light and shade that comes with continuous residence and contact. He seems more sensitive to the trials and agonies now afflicting his beloved Italy

Voltaire's cynicism towards the political and religious institutions of his day was balanced by his glorying in the human experience. For Candide everything was for the best in the best of all possible worlds. For Vidal, everything seems to be for the worst. The characters in Live from Golgotha are little more than cartoon figures, the Simpsons of ancient Rome with their togas perpetually round their ankles. The satire is echoing, rather empty, as if the force of each joke lies mostly in the offence it is meant to cause to pious Christians. The blasphemy is easy and gratuitous. "Live from Golgotha is about modern America," says Vidal. "It's where it all started, in monotheism, in the sky gods." The whole history Christianity is hideous against

the pagan simplicities of pre-Christian Italy. But those whom this me might jolt will already have thrown the book aside in disgust. Vidal is sometimes Rabelais, but no Voltaire. And there is a danger, as in any satire, of the spotlight slowly turning from its intended victim to light up and expose the operator and his motives. It is the clown's moment of vulnerability. If this book is about the virtue of the old earth gods of paganism, who fascinate Vidal, he nowhere articulates it. The nega-

tive blots out any positive. There is no place here for love. May Heaven graciously forbid that Vidal be denied his freedom to publish what he wants, with appropriate health warnings to the devout and little children. If damnation there be, Mr Vidal is clearly not afraid. He is reckless in his juvenile offensiveness, an Amalfi he ages engagingly so. His is the aphorism: "Every time a friend succeeds, something in me dies." He may make great play of caring for nobody and nothing, but surely a card-carrying liberal sees that care, like contempt, cuts two ways. Does Live from Golgotha not show the same lack of care, the same intolerance, the same disproportionate hatred, that he so deplores in modern America? Amid all the shrieking, is it not just another

Yet we cannot expect our eccentrics to be ordered à la carte. Gore Vidal is no designer rebel, any more than he is a crank or a lightweight. He has the one literary identity card that cannot be forged. a thorough grounding in Western culture and a vast reading. He is a babbling fountain of critical common sense. His learning is the more fresh for having been selftaught. He has mastered the English language. He knows that a written sentence can run out of



and teach it good manners. He can feel the cadences of English speech and create them on the page. These are rare skills, and his work is of a piece with his craft.

So I must put up with Live from Golgotha and await Vidal's return to American history. "Delight of hust is gross and brief/And wearness treads on desire." May his hero Petronius prove to have spo-

Once upon a beer mat in Venice

shriek?

t was a select stag night as these events go: just me and my best man in Harry's Bar in Venice. (I'm sorry: I know that under the strict terms of my contract and the title of the column I should perhaps have given you a bit more notice of my getting married last week, especially given the ambivalence I've shown on the subject in the past. But that's the thing about ambivalence, isn't it? It can go either way. I just got lucky.)
The Bellini being what Harry's

Bar serves most famously, we had just downed our fourth at 12,000 lire the small glass when one of us suggested that if we wanted to get really, comfortably, pie-cyedly staggish we should find somewhere that could sell us boozy peach juice at less than £6 a shot. "Nah." said the best man, and ordered a fifth. "Nah," I said, "And anyway, just think of the dinner-party story it will make. The night I had my stag night in Harry's Bar in Venice." I rolled the phrase around my mouth

a couple of times. Or, rather, sturred it round. "Or even a column."

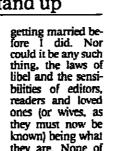
"Right! A column!" And I grabbed a beer mat, or a Bellini mat which even at 12,000 lire looks remarkably similar, and wrote - scrawled - on it "Doing things in bese enjoy than be bese said but / daily ptys." (I write as one, you wil) have gathered, who learned his journalistic shorthand from that tube advert which prinsd a gd jb if u cn rd ths ad.) I have the beer mat with me now back in London, and I can even remember PRIVATE LIFE: John Diamond on the art of making columns stand up

something. given that I have a desk full of scraps of 'Women's ankles and "Kids w/ others" and "Having three bis", which must have meant something quite profound at the

moment of inspiration but mean nothing at all to me now. (I can't even work out what "bis" might have meant, especially in the context of having three of them.) The column would have listed all those parties one goes to, functions one attends, people one meets not because eating geniatric poultry in tepid beige sauce is fun, but because of the stories it provides for later use. It would have started with a specific - Harry's Bar in Venice, say - strolled through to the general and wound up with a neatly adduced moral for our times.

constructed sort of column, rather as Trajan's or Nelson's is. And then I looked again at the beer mat and realised that wasn't what it was about at all. It was about being a columnist. This column has, for the past ten months or so, purported to be an accurate record of my private life. It has been no such thing, of course, or else you would have known that I was

It would have been a classically



they are. None of which is to say that I have lied to you: those drinks really were drunk, those parties attended, those beds rumpled, those minor quotidian apercus apercued. The column is. shall we say, as to a real private life what The Bill is to real police work. I bring you my life's occasional flashing blue-light car chase, backalley assault and half-hour resolution because to detail the days spent

door-to-door would be too tedious But the beer-mat note is a sign that I am occasionally falling into the columnist's trap of living life for the column. I find myself reading books I would never otherwise be seen dead reading just in case there's something hidden away I can respond to. I fall into conversations I would normally walk away from because there might be a lurking phrase that I can frap in my specimen jar and allow to form the

a fully formed column

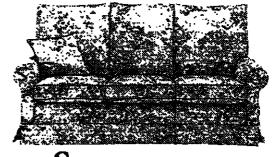
interviewing potential witnesses

It's not just me, you understand: all newspaper columnists suffer from the affliction. The idea of a column is that the reader is meant to believe that the writer has some fiercely held belief which just happens to be 800 words long. But I have sat at bars with other columnists and watched them fabricate their fierceness from nothing more than the idlest thought.

"Don't you think this royal business has gone far enough?" a columnist said to me the other day over dinner, for instance. I happen to know, from previous conversations, that this particular journalist couldn't give a flying fig whether the Queen Mother danced naked in Horse Guard's Parade with the Band of the Grenadier Guards, but within five minutes he'd whipped himself into a frenzy of manufactured intolerance which, sure enough, appeared three days later in his paper under some headline like "Respect for our Royals". Now in the general run of things this is reasonable enough. As long as the view is reasonably well expressed and causes a suitably strong reaction, pro-or-con, in the reader that's fair enough. But when you're writing about your private life this sort of thing counts as either mild cheating or base prostitution. which is why I have decided not to tell you about my stag night after

The reason that I'm not writing about my wedding as you may have expected me to do given all that has gone before is, on the other hand. cocoon from which it will emerge as altogether different. Some things are, you see, private.

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SYBIL Disrael's polytical nevel, Sybit has been adapted for the RSC by Peter Whelan. The novel, subtitled Two Nations, was first published in 1845 when its exposure of injustices in the dass system caused a sensation. This one-oif rehearsed reading is performed by members of the Barbicar company and directed by Colin Elevood.

The Pft, Barbican, Silf Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891) Torught, 7.15pm. LIVERPOOL PLAYHOUSE. The studio LIVERPOOL PLAYHOUSE. The studio reopens tonight after being dosed for three years with a season of world premeres — The New Works. The first in the sense, Self Catering by Andrew Cullen is subtified A Short History of the World and follows the progress of five tourists stranded on a desert island. They rename themselves after their screen idols, Manlyn, Clint, Bette, Meryl and Henry. The season continues with Weldon Rising by Phylip Nagy and At Piffy She Discovered the Sea by Denise Chalem.

Chalem. Liverpool Playhouse Studio, Williamson Square, Liverpool, (051-709 8353), Tonight, 7,45pm then Mon-Sat,

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM ORCHESTRA The orchestra under Smion Rattle performs Rameau's Dances from Les Boréades, Mozart's Symphony No 39, and Bartok's Concerto for Orchestra. iphony Hall, Broad Street, ungham, (021-212 3333). Tonight,

DON GIOVANNI: Jonathan Miller's gloomly impressive production, with sets by Philip Prowse, is revived with a cast that includes Peter Coleman-Wrigh

MANGELS IN AMERICA: Thrilling m Americs in America, Innumy performance in Torry Kushner's faschaping state-of-the-Union drama on Aids, religion, politics, serything National (Cotteslee), South Bank, SE: (071-928 2252), Tonight, 7.15pm.

COLQUINOUN AND MACERYDE: Sometimes withy but hollow study of two fizzronan pantiers who drank heavily and are now forgotten. Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat

Sat. 4pm 150mms. DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: And LI DEATH AND THE MADDER: Anel Dorfman's scorching psychological drama on the longing for revenge. Perny Downie, Danny Webb and Hugh Ross make up the cast. Duke of York's, 5t Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 8pm,

FROM A JACK TO A KING: Witty and system version of Macheth's Gimb to the top, set in the world of nock bands and packed with Socies sorugs. Ambassadors, West Street, London WCZ (071-836 5111), Mon-Thurs, \$15 cm; Friend Cat & Zhom and

8.15pm, Fri and Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm 120mms. GAMBLERS: Oleg Menshikov, Mark production of Gogol's "sting" drama. Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat

HAMLET: Alan Rickman in scinating voice dominates a generally when production. low-Yey production. Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. 195mms. (Sold out for complete run)

THE INVISIBLE MAN: A graduing revival of last year's production, prior to a West End run. Amazing stage tricks devised by Paul Kiev Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, Stratford E15 (081-534 0310). Mon-Sat,

8pm, mat Thurs, 2pm, 135mms IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY: Larks in the hospital common room; matror outraged; doctors flummoved. Ray curaged; enciors hummouse, vay Cooney face with lots of laughts. Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WCZ (071-839 4401). Mon-Fri, Spm. Sat, 8.30pm, mat Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 135mins.

NEW RELEASES JUST LIKE A WOMAN (15): Julie Prosaic romanuc comedy, With Adrian Pasdar; director, Christopher Monger. Octeons: Kensington (0426 914666) West End (0426 915574).

MY FATHER IS COMING (18): MY 7A FIELD 15 Comman gri sying to make it in New York. Sweet, generous, alive to sexual sub-cultures, directed by German Rim-maker Monika Treut. Prince Charles (071–437 8181)

◆ PATRIOT GAMES (15): Harnson or Annual SAMES (13) PATROM Ford's Family comes under attack from an IRA cell. Absurd thriller from Tom Clancy's novel, director, Philip Noyce. Barbican (071-638 8891) Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Empire (071-407 0000) NECSI Parks Comp. (071-497 9999) MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332). SECRET FRIENDS (18): Alan Bates cracks up under the strain of writer-director Dennis Potter's sexual

Barber. MGM Tottenham Court Road (071pos of lasy SWOON (18) The Leopoid and Loeb murder case, explored from a gay perspective. Highly seductive and stimulating first feature by American video artist Tom Kalin. Canden Parkway (071-267 7034) Metro (071-437 0757).

CURRENT LES AMANTS DU PONT NEUF (18): LES CATAX'S Nymn to Pans and a punk burn's love for a young arost going blind Terrific in spurts, and a real move movie. Denis Lavant, Juliette Binoche. Chelsea (071-836 0691). Lumlère (071-836 0691).

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Heather Alston

Anna, Anwei Huw Morgan as Leporello and Linda McLeod as Donna Elwra Coliseum, St Martm's Lane, London WC 2 (071-836 3161). Tonight, 7pm. BBLLY LIAR: The BP-sponsored National Theatre production of Keith Waterhouse and Willis Hall's study of Profits adolescence goes on a nationwide tour Paul Wyett plays the lad with the vivid imagination who works as an undertaker's assistant and has, or rather had, two fiances. Training Theorees Church Board

SOUARE ROUNDS: New Torr SQUARE ROUNDS: New Tony Harrison theatre piece in verse roasts the inventors of machine guns and other tools of slaughter. Performed almost entirely by women. National (Olivier), South Bank, London SE1, (071-928 2252). Opens tonight, 7pm, tomorrow, Sat, 7.15pm, mar Sat, 2.00pm

LEONARDO: The home of musical try-ours stages Leonardo by Greg and Tormry Moeller and Russell Dunlop. The musical is described as "a blend of fact and fiction". It is a portrait of love, set in the Renaissance period and based on the life of Leonardo da Vino mixed with some poetic licence. with some poetic licence. Old Fire Station, Oxford (0865 794494) Opens tonight, 7.30pm; then Tues-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London House full, returns only Some seats available

THE MADNESS OF GEORGE IS:

☐ THE MADRAS HOUSE: Roger Aliam heads a strong cast in Granville Barker's proto-feminist, senous comedy, set in a fashion house.

mats Wed. Sat. 2.30cm 180mins

☐ THE OEDIPUS TRILOGY: Sx-hou production of the Sophocles tragedie (with an hour meal break after Oedip Tyrannos). Interesting performances, notably by Gerard Murphy and John Shrapnel. Inunguing settings but

8891) Complete thlogy, today, 4.30pm ☐ PHILADELPHIA, HERE I COMET: Bhan Fnel's affectionate comedy of a Insh emigrant and his carring after

SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION: Stockard Channing as the rich New Yorker transfigured by a black con artist in John Guare's fine play on human inter-dependence nan inter-dependence nedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-7 1045) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, tomorrow. 7 30pm.

JACK DEJOHNETTE'S SPECIAL
EDITION: The 21st Contemporary Music
Network season opens with this high
class band led by the top Chroago Jazz
dnammer and complose with Greg
Osby, Gary Thomas and Lorine Planco.
Sheki Mselku also appears tonghi
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1
(071-928 8800), tonight, 7.30pm.
Royal Northern College of Music,
Marchester (061-273 4504/5534),
tomorrow, 7.15pm. COURTNEY PINE: The indefaugable sax player kicks off the new Fiat Tipo lazz season leading an excellent band including Julian kiseph, Mark Mondes

EMF: The lively Indie dance duo is on the road for its largest UK tour to date. The decadent popsters My Life With The Thriff Kill Full provide support. UEA, Norwich (0603 505401), torsight, 7 30pm Briston Academy, Stockwell Road, London SW9 (071-326 1022), torsight 2, 2 30pm.

and Tony Rerry.
Town & Country Club, Highgate
Road, London NW5 (071-284 0303),
tonight, 7.30pm.

TRUE STORIES: Seven installation artists from New York and Los Angeletell us (Informally) what they think about museums and media violence. about museums and media violence, ecology and serial killers, Hollywood billboards and gay ses. Some of the pleces are confessional, others attempt to flore into spectators by boring them first, some pastiche and parody the scientific exposition or museological display. Arbitrary the selection may be, but it proffers a cross-section of American feelings about America now. ICA, The Mail, London SWI (071-930) 3647), Mon-Sat 12-10pm, Sun 12-9pm Unitl Oct 25.

Milipel Handbridges Or Getorde Ist. Migel Handbridges is very fine as the stricken king in Alan Bennett's intriguing, slightly puzzling play. National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7 30pm, mat Sat 2.15pm, 170mms.

Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 1081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm,

MEDEA: Diana Rigg gives a cool, distancing interpretation in Europides's revenge drama. Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359

cundusty unitwowing. Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638

instruction and comment of the majorant and his carping after ego. A revival to be charished. Wyndham's, Channg Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fn. Bpm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm, 140mins.

☐ SOMEONE WHO'LL WATCH OVER ME: Excellent playing by Alec McCowen, James McDaniel and Stephen Rea as Beirut hostages in Frank McGuriness's new play. Yaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, Spm, mats, Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm, 140mins

☐ WHO SHALL ! BE TOMORROW? Joanna Lumley plays an out-of-work actress doing the rounds in Bernard Kops's two-hander. With Harry Lands. Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mori-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2 30pm.

☐ WOMEN LAUGHING: Michael Wall's subtily come; and polignant drama of husbands going crazy. Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SWI (071-730 2554) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. 150mins

☐ A WOMAN OF NO EMPORTANCE: LI A WOMAN OF NO BAPORTANCE: Philip Proves's trumphant RSC production John Carlisle as a callous anstocrat in Wilde's social medodrama. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071– 930 8800), Mon-Sat, 7,30pm, mats

Wed, Sat. 2.30pm 165mins

LONG RUNNERS: Si Blood Brothers: Phoenix (071-867 1044) . . Suddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) 494 5400). ☐ The Mousetrap:
5t Martn's (071-836 1443)... III The
Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's
(071-494 5400)... ☐ Return to the
Forbidden Planat: Cambridge (071379 5299)... ■ Starlight Express:
Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665).
☐ The Woman In Bladic Fortune
(071-828 7238)

(071-836 2238). Ticket information supplied by SWET

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country ◆ BATMAN RETURNS (12): Quirky but ho-hum sequel, best when the spotlight falls on Michelle Pferffer's electrifying Calwoman disaster. The Burton Empire (071-497 9999) MGM Oxford Street (071-930 0310) MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631).

◆ BOB ROBERTS (15): Lively spoof • BOB ROBERTS (15): Lively spoof documentary about a right-wing folk-singer's drry battle for a seat in the U.S. Senate. Enterprising directonal debut by actor Tim Robbars. Gate (071-727 4043) MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Narromacket (0426 91363) Haymarket (0426 91363) Kensington (0426 914666) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366) UCI Whiteleys (071-797 33323

CASARIANCA (LI): The 50th CASABLANCA (U): The 50th annoversary release of the cult favount brilliantly written, awash with exotic atmosphere. Bogart, Ingrid Bergman; director, Michael Curti. Plaza (071-497 9999).

◆ HOUSESTITER (PG): Goldie Hawn HOUSESTITER (PG): Goldie Hawn moves into architect Seive Martin's dream house and poses as his wrie. A lew bright spots, director, Frank Oz MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772)
 MGM Felham Road (071-370 2636)
 MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310)
 MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Plaza (071-497 9999) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (15): Childless Western couple in Pakista suffer culture clashes. Interesting lames Wilby, Melssa Leo. Writer-director, Jamil Dehlavi. MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279/379 7025).

A A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN (PG): Boisterous, clichéd salute to warbine's all-girl baseball teams. Geena Davis, Tom Hanks and, moorsequentially, 3, Madorna. Director, Penny Marshall. MGM Chelsea (071-532 5096) JMGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) West End (0426 915574) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332). LOVERS (18): In Franco's Spain, Victoria Abril derails her lodger's

intended marriage. Excellent tale of mad love, expertly mounted by director Med Nove, Expensy (1994) Vicente Aranda, MGM Plocadilly (071-437 3561) Minema (071-235 4225) Screen o Baker Street (071-935 2772). ◆ THE PLAYER (15): Dazzling sabre on Hollywood, directed by Robert Altman from Michael Tolkin's novel. Tim Robbins as the studio executive who kills

a writer. MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (0426 915683) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332). **◆ UNFORGIVEN** (15): Clint Eastwood's mellowed gumman is forced to resurrect his lethal skills. Gene Hackman and Richard Harns Camden Plaza (071-485 2443)

Camden Piaza (071-485 2423) Empire (071-497 9999) MGM Pulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) Notting Hill Cornet (071-77 56705) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772)

THEATRE

Bring on the pills earlier next time

UNTIL recently we were in danger of remembering Bernard Kops, if at all, as one of those minor meteors who flared in the early 1960s and had clunked to earth by the decade's end. Yet here he is, enjoying something of a creative rebirth at a time when most dramatists would expect to be falling into the sere and yellow leaf. Polka, the children's theatre company, is about to stage his version of the Anne Frank story. And Greenwich has now seen two of his offerings for adults in the last six months. Is the 65-year-old Kops

really worth all the ado? There were times here when I wondered. His Playing Sinatra, presented at Greenwich in March, was also about two painfully isolated people: specifically, a brother and sister huddled against the world with their collection of discs by Ol' Blue Eyes. It, too, threatened to get bogged down in endless scrutiny of their psychopathology and their symbiosis. But eventually a catalyst appeared - a guru with an eye on the sister's savings - and the play came to life. No such luck here: no third character, no catalyst, nothing to

Joanna Lumley and Harry Landis. She is an actress on the skids, he the homosexual who lives in the flat upstairs. Her life is spent spinning erotic fantasies about her ex-psychiatrist, haranguing the social security people over the phone, reciting poems about death, and unsuccessfully auditioning for the tawdry jobs her agent can still get her. He is trying to cope with the violence and, worse, the

absences of the young tough he picked up at King's Cross. They comfort each

The Kronos Quartet: not simply

four musicians who sit and play

LEADING up to "Columbus Day".

Radio 3 has embarked on a Spanish

formight. We seemed to live through

much of it in this mammoth live

broadcast from the Queen Elizabeth

Hall on Tuesday evening. But in these

cheese-paring times we should not

knock a concert that included some of

the best tunes ever written in the 13th

century, two substantial modern

pieces, an entire opera, and two on-

stage interviews, all presented in Radio

3's new effervescent style. There is

The medieval items were from the

great Castilean songbook, the Cantigas de Santa Maria, in which

bizarre, shaggy-dog stories (the Virgin

Mary saving ferrets from being tram-pled, or monks from thinking impure-ly) are fitted to wonderfully catchy

melodies. Half a dozen were per-

formed here by the Dufay Collective,

six musicians who sing or play with

much more at the QEH tomorrow.

relieve the mutual melancholia of

Who Shall I Be Tomorrow? Greenwich

other. They encourage each other. And they do so for over two hours.

The play is finely acted, especially by Lumley, who brings shading to hysteria, subtlety to despair, and self-mockery to a character that could have grated like an interminably scratched wall. Subtract the occasional, forgivable cliché, and the dialogue seems authentic, too. Both author and actress give a good idea of what it must be like to pour a tumbler of whisky, scribble a couple of goodbye notes, and open the pill bottle. Yet callous though it may sound to say so, that not-unpredictable moment takes far too long arriving. There are limits to the variety that even

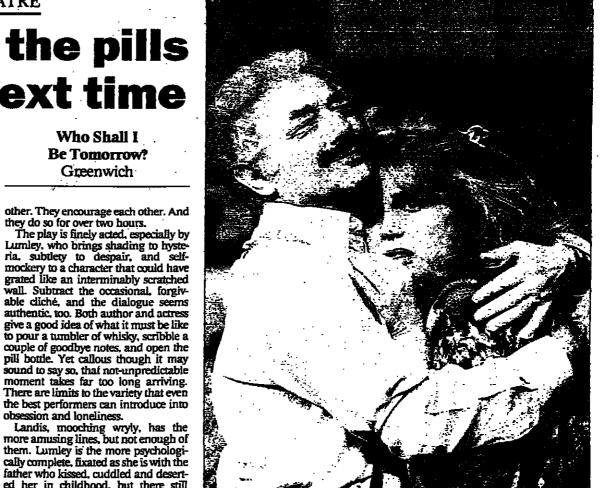
Landis, mooching wryly, has the more amusing lines, but not enough of them. Lumley is the more psychologically complete, fixated as she is with the father who kissed, cuddled and deserted her in childhood, but there still seems no great depth to her accidie. Matthew Francis's production is far from bad, but both it and the play need wit, originality, surprise, anything with

obsession and loneliness.

radical reworking still. Among the sly literary references in the play is one to Terence Rattigan, author of The Deep Blue Sea, whose sexually obsessed heroine ends up

renouncing suicide for what critics

built-in lift. The ending needs more



Harry Landis and Joanna Lumley: two hours of mutual melancholia

have often felt were inadequate reasons. Here, much the same happens, except that inadequacy has become an implausibility so glib that it casts doubt on the truth of everything preceding it. "Why don't you show yourself some

off the hook?" asks Landis; and, suddenly, all seems well. A selfdestructive urge so easily banished cannot have been very self-destructive

in the first place, can it? BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

compassion, why don't you let yourself CONCERT

Style substitutes for substance

THE Kronos Quartet - the American ensemble that has won a cult following far outside normal chamber music come.

development director and so on. No detail in this road show is forgotten. Dranes hid the Festival Hall organ from view, the players' chairs were covered in black, and the auditorium was darkened for the ritual to

Creating such a theatrical ambience can make the most naive music seem important. The Kronos (dothed fairly soberly save for their leader David Harrington's vivid waistcoat) began with two simple African pieces. First there was the Zimbabwean composer Domisani Maraire's *Mai* (1990), a portrait of his late mother, which went no further than standard minimalistic treatment of an Africanstyle chorale. For a while its simplicity

was touching. Less so was the Nubian Hamza El Kronos Quartet

Festival Hall circles — is not simply four players sitting on a platform and playing. It is equally the audio engineer (everything Din's Escalay (1989), a portrayal of life goes through microphones), the lighton the water-wheel which attempts to ing designer, a managing director, a make modern stringed instruments sound like ourds. This was apparently an old man's song, and hence religious; the first violin and viola played the tune, the other instruments repeated monotones and broken chord

> patterns. Next came the Argentinian-Jewish composer Osvaldo Golijov's Yiddishbbuk (1992), three "inscriptions", or attempts at reconstructions, of apocryphal psalm settings whose source bears but one musical indication: "In the mode of the Babylonic Lamentations". The melodic inflections were certainly flavour, while the harmonies and tonal colours, after what had gone before, sounded refreshingly adventurous. Each of the three movements bears a more modern dedication, to three children who died at Terezin in the

second world war, to the writer Isaac Bashevis Singer who died last year.

and to Leonard Bernstein. Then followed Bob Ostertag's All the Rage, a montage of sampled sounds from a gay riot in San Francisco, with a moving text by Sara Miles about queer-bashing, the scourge of Aids, and the power of love. It consisted of a motley sequence of effects played by the quartet, including blasts on those whistles used originally by gays for selfdefence but now also a vibrant emblem of liberation. This Sixties-style piece should not have worked, given the naivety of its material. Yet somehow it did, putting Arvo Part's lovely, quiet and meditative Summa (1991) firmly

in the shade. That left Henryk Gorecki's Quartet No 2. Quasi una Fantasia (1990-1). perhaps the most polished and varied. piece in the programme: an attempt to build a skyscraper on shallow foundations. The playing, like the production. was slick

STEPHEN PETTITT

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Package tour of Spain

They struck an ad-

iEspana! mirable balance. Queen Elizabeth Hall There was simplicity: the drones preserved beneath a solo voice until, with a sense of release, all the singers burst into parallel-chord harmonies. And there was embellishment little flecks bringing life to the solo lines; subtly syncopated rhythms pattering away in

the background. Only Jeremy Avis's solo singing, though spirited, caused concern. I hesitate to question the judgement of one who has studied vocal technique with the forest pygmies of Cameroon, but he did seem short of power at the ends of phrases.

The contemporary Spanish pieces

by the Matrix Ensemble conducted by

rias. written in 1987 by Manuel Hidalgo, was a mysterious, disjointed piece for small orchestra dominated by piano and two alto singers. They begun by singing the syllables "do re mi fa so", then recited a scarcely more forthcoming line of metaphysical poetry by St John of the Cross. As for the music, that vecred from stuttering expressionism towards an unexpected spotlighting of bare fourths and fifths.

Placed beside Roberto Gerhard's Leo, Hidalgo's work sounded immature - but then, Gerhard's 1969 piece is a classic. Like all fine chamber

music, it follows a conversational logic, yet it is bold in its textures and its virtuosic demands. With his opera The Duenna winning acclaim this year, Gerhard's posthumous reputation seems at last to be assured.

Finally came Manuel de Falla's Master Peter's Puppet Show, that miniature gem of music theatre that tries so hard to be sardonic and Stravinsky-like, and then — at the point where Don Quixote blunders into the action — happily gives way to ardent Spanish romanticism.

Much of the zest of this performance

came from the soloists. Adrian Thompson whined and worried as Master Peter; Matthew Best was properly grand, sonorous and oblivious to all irony as Quixote; and, best of all, there was a first-class treble. Sam Pay. singing reams of Spanish from memory in a clear and tuneful voice. RICHARD MORRISON

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NEW FILMS: Roland Joffé's City of Joy. Roman Polanski's Bitter Moon, and the Columbus voyage given the "Carry On"

treatment. Review by Geoff Brown

'Distorted or

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Calcutta does

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or the last 18 months Hollywood's trade papers have been carrying eyebrow-raising reports that Roland Joffe, high priest of The Mission and other morality dramas. was turning his hand to such familyfun ventures as The Super Mario Bros, a live-action feature based on the Nintendo videogame. This is called diversifying your portfolio. But Joffe has not forgotten his high ideals. After lengthy preparations and a hazardous Indian shoot, City of Joy (MGM Shaftesbury Avenue. 12) arrives looking much like an old-style Joffe spectacular.

Once again the human spirit is struggling: not in Cambodia's killing fields or 18th century Brazil, but in modern Calcutta, city of 11 million souls, many with just a hovel or cardboard to call home. From the teeming characters of Dominique who exchanges ru-

ral famine for a bruising life as a rickshaw puller. and the young American, Max, a renegade doctor trying and failing to find himself. A third soon emerges.

Joan Bethel, saintin-residence at the City-of-Joy Self-Help School and Dispensary, who

eventually pricks Max's dormant conscience. Together they help the slum dwellers and neighbourhood lepers fight for their health and human rights, and escape from the thumb of the local gangsters.

City of Joy, though, pays more attention to the box office than any previous Joffé film. Leading Indian parts are filled with distinction by Om Puri and Shabana Azmi, both respected players; Joan is Pauline Collins, the salt of the earth incarnate. Max, however, is Patrick Swayze, idol of Ghost and Dirty Dancing, who makes a bumptious star entrance as the runaway doctor, dressed to kill in a dazzling white shirt. Swayze turns out to be more believable than you expect, but his pin-up image remains a hurdle.

To vociferous Indian observers and officials, Swayze's presence rubbed salt into wounds already inflicted by Lapierre's original book

(attacked for its distorted view of Calcutta). Roy Walker's expensively elaborate slum set also drew ire. But to this outside observer the film seems less compromised by its £16 million trappings than by Mark Medoff's script, which engineers several heart-warming moments too many and traps the characters in a rigid pattern. One step forward in the fight for life, then two steps back the repeated cycle of gain and reversal trivialises the issues.

City of Joy works best when the plot mechanism is left idling, and words are spared the burden of being meaningful ("From the mo-ment we're born," Collins sermonises, "we're shipwrecked between hope and despair"). Then Joffe and his technicians cut loose. hurling the viewer into Calcutta's bedlam, the streets pressed with bodies, dirt and Om Puri's perilous Lapierre's book, the script begins by nickshaw. Whether distorted or not, isolating two: the peasant, Hasari, Joffé's Calcutta - if not all its

characters — certainly seems like the real thing. Nothing 'seems

real in Roman Polanski's Bitter Moon (Odeon Haymarket, 18), a lugubrious disappointment from a director who seems rudderless since his enforced European exile. Setting and situation ostensibly

recall Polanski's first Polish feature. Knife in the Water, where a marriage became shipwrecked during a sailing weekend. Thirty years later. we are bound for the Orient on a huxury liner, watching Peter Coyote's crippled demon bend the ear of an English twit. Flashbacks unfold his adventurous love life with Emmanuelle Seigner (the director's wife): from sweet infatuation, the relationship develops into 1001 perversities, and concludes with vicious hatred. "Steady on, old boy!" Hugh

Grant protests as Coyote, in a bravura performance, spews out his bile and manoeuvres the straitlaced, married Englishman into Seigner's arms. If Polanski had matched Coyote's reckless abandon, Bitter Moon (a French-British coproduction) might have offered some disreputable hi-jinks. But there is neither fun nor edification;



Wet look: Patrick Swayze's pin-up image is sometimes an obstacle to credibility in the Calcutta of Roland Joffe's City of Joy

the laborious flashback structure drags down the pace, and Polanski's handling leaves us panting for cinematic excitement. As the ship noses slowly through endless seas. never reaching any port, it seems the perfect symbol for a film, and a career, headed nowhere.

"What makes you think he's up to it?" asks Leslie Phillips's King Ferdinand. The reply, from June Whitfield, is inevitable: "I have seen his testimonials." The jokes are little changed in Carry On Columbus (Odeon Leicester Square, PG), the first Carry On since 1978, though Father Time has placed most of the original troupe beyond reach. Jim Dale, bright and pleasing, survives as Columbus, around him cluster the quasi-alternative comedians usually found capering on tele-vision. Julian Clary takes the Kenneth Williams role, as a limpwristed prison governor, but nobody measures up to Barbara Windsor.

The best Carry Ons, long in the past, turned a music-hall mirror onto life or burlesqued movie genres: Columbus, hastily conceived

to mark the anniversary, does neither. Watching this mirthless enterprise, you realise how much the films relied on friendly old faces. Without Sid James and the rest, the threadbare puns of Dave Freeman's script die on the lips. Gerald Thomas and Peter Rogers, both in their seventies, return as director and producer, but they need not have bothered. Carry On R.I.P.

Crushed in the bedlam of Calcutta

n to Soviet Asia's farthest corner for Don't Move. Die and Rise Again (National Film Theatre, 12. seven performances). Vitali Kanevski's bold first feature created a stir at the 1990 Cannes Festival, though this neo-realist scream of rage is scarcely the work of a bright young thing: Kanevski was then 55. a veteran of prison and labour camps. He revisits his post-war childhood in a dismal town of miners, Japanese prisoners, black marketeers and drunks.

Raw camerawork, constant yelling and some wilful obscurities make life hard for timid viewers: the

carrot to bite on is the remarkably pungent child performance by Pavel Nazarov. Kanevski has since made a sequel, An Independent Life, a film

of more vices than virtues. Gas Food Lodging (Metro. Re-noir, 15) offers another directorial debut, by Allison Anders, an American acolyte of Wim Wenders who worked on Paris, Texas. Some desert landscapes might have strayed from that opus, though Wenders could never penetrate the female heart the way Anders attempts. The story tells of a waitress drudge with an absent husband and two daughters in a seedy New Mexican town. Shade, the youngest, approaches adolescence; Trudi is surly, sexually promiscuous. Nora, the mother, struggles to save them from her own fate.

The film's mood shifts from quirky humour and tenderness to melodrama. This kaleidoscope sometimes beguiles, though a better, more naturalistic film lies buried inside. The actors could stand its excavation. Brooke Adams is solid as the careworn mum; Fairuza Balk

delicately captures Shade's awkwardness and innocence.

Revivals come thick and fast these days, but Lilith (ICA Cinema, 18) stands among the most rewarding. Robert Rossen's hauntingly beautiful last film got short shrift in 1964: "Psycho drama", the trade paper Variety snorted, "downbeat all the way". But in adapting J.R. Salamanca's novel about a therapist's obsession with a patient. Rossen was hardly after the Sound of Music crowd: he wanted audiences who could respond to nuances, symbol-ism, to ravishing black-and-white images that sucked you into Lilith's fantasies and probed the nature of madness and love.

At the time, such audiences could not be found. Today should be different. That cold fish Warren Beatty may not help Rossen's case, but Jean Seberg and the veteran cameraman Eugen Shuftan weave more than enough magic to compensate. Go. be uplifted; and ponder how such a singular film would never get made in the Hollywood of

Time to travel to the east

n commissioning the choreography of her new programme Kumudini Lakhia, Nahid Siddiqui has backed a winner. Timecycle shows - better than the programme by Lakhia's own company, Kadamb, which opened the Vivaria season at The Place - how the traditional techniques of Indian dance can be used freely in a contemporary composition.

Four distinct but related pieces make up the show: related in treating different aspects of passing time for their theme, but even more in the bold, flexible manner of their making. The title piece, Timecycle, is a solo for Siddiqui in which she uses a big embroidered shawl to suggest her companions on a journey through life.

Vivid facial expressions combine with bodily plastique to make the progression clear. and that is even more true of Siddiqui's duet with Maulik Shah. Tree of Life. This focuses on the growth of a single relationship, from initial reluctance through increasing warmth to a misunderstand ing, a stormy quarrel, bitterness and slow reconciliation.

A more abstract aspect of time is shown in the opening group dance, Olam, where the performers represent the sun. earth and moon involved in constant circlings and accompanied by the growth of plants or the movement of water. In the final dance, Continuum, the treatment becomes entirely abstract as patterns of repeating movement.

Atul Desai's music is played live by four musicians: one with a kind of squeezebox, a drummer (both of these contribute vocally too, respectively crooning or rapping out sharp syllables), and two with stringed instruments.

With its variety within an underlying theme, its simple, elegant design (costumes by Sandhya Desai and Nahid Siddiqui, setting by John M. Blundall) and good dancing, this made a notably satisfying programme. A shame the house was less than

JOHN PERCIVAL

The conductor Yan Pascal Tortelier talks to **Hilary Finch** about growing up in the shadow of a famous parent

Sharp lesson in family harmony

The heat is on in Manchester. The city's two orchestras start their seasons with new logos. new programmes and new conductors. The Hallé, with Kent Nagano, has thrown down the gauntlet to the BBC Philharmonic with a first night of Messiaen, John Adams and Stravinsky. Tomorrow the BBC Philharmonic replies with Stravinsky, Gershwin and John Casken. And with Yan Pascal Tortelier. In wooing him away from the Ulster Orchestra just three years after he took it over, the BBC Philharmonic has, in its new principal conductor, a musician of proven virtuosity and a name which is famous throughout the world though of course the fame

chiefly comes from his father. the great cellist Paul Tortelier. The cello was put in Yan Pascal's hands at the age of four. Paul Tortelier's father-inlaw suggested the violin might be a better idea; and by the age of 14 Yan Pascal had taken first prize in violin in his first year at the Paris Conservatoire. But his father's cello was to continue to dwarf him for many years.

Subconsciously I had this giant in front of me all the time . . ." The giant believed in the great outdoors and in 1955 took his family to Israel for a year. Pascal was 10. "He played me the Prelude of

still cannot quite tell

whether it took a very

deep level of clever film-

ten years his senior who soon

became his wife and his men-

tor, poisoning him against the

ruling Allende regime. By

night they made love, by day they made Molotov cocktails

After Pinochet overthrew

to toss at left-wing radicals.



Tortelier fils in action: a musician of proven virtuosity

Lohengrin one night as I was looking up at the stars. I burst into tears. I knew then that there was never any question I would be anything but a

In his autobiography Paul Tortelier writes that Yan Pascal was "talented but lazy".
"Does he? Does he say that?" The eyes flash and Tortelier fils leaps out of his chair.

"Listen! Really! This was not fair: I think I responded well enough to my parents' demands. They decided I should become a musician and look. I don't think they have had any problems. There was never a

important. It is I who have had problems!" Even in Yan Pascal's last few years of playing the violin, if

stage of rebellion. That is

his father thought he was doing anything not quite right, he would tell him and they would argue intensely. "And he had to win. In rehearsals he would not just After guesting with the give me advice. He would

work on me to get it his way." To achieve musical independence and adulthood, Yan Pascal had to turn to conducting. Again, in the autobiography. Tortelier praises his son's ability to maintain unity of tempo and to see the musical wood for the trees. "Does he? Did you really read that? Did he say that? Oh, oh, I'm

"You know he was very keen on conducting. He played under Toscanini, Richard Strauss, Koussevitsky. And somehow it was always a frustration. When I became a conductor, I gave him — I hope — a satisfaction he never had himself."

At 19, Yan Pascal left home and started playing in orchestras to support himself. He made a few attempts at conducting, but without success. He became leader of the Orchestre du Capitole in Toulouse, and there met Michel Plasson, who gave him valu-able experience as an associate conductor in both symphonic and operatic repertoire. "I owe him so much. But that too, was a problem. I was in my early thirties, and I realised Plasson had become another

father-figure. I was dependent on him. I was even afraid of him. So, goodbye! At 35 I went freelance."

Bournemouth Symphony, the Northern Sinfonia and the Royal Philharmonic. Yan Pascal at last had an orchestra of his own when he settled with the Ulster Orchestra in 1990. And now the BBC Philharmonic. Among his performing and recording plans is a Hindemith series. "Did my father ever tell you? He played Don Quixote with Strauss and he played Hindemith with Hindemith. And I met the composer too.

But, before you go, I want to show you my latest project. It has taken me five years." He presses into my hand the newly-released recording of his own orchestration of the Ravel A minor Trio he used to play with his father and sister. and which is the final disc in his complete Ravel and De-bussy series with the Ulster Orchestra. That is my last professional link My father followed this project with such interest. And my mother told me that he would have liked to have done it himself, that secretly he was a bit jealous. In a tender and paternal way, of course ... More tea?"

● Tortelier conducts the BBC PO in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester (061-236 7110), at

More is

just not enough

his season's opening performance at the Met was graced by the usual throng of celebrities and idle rich in sequins and improbable nixedos. A good thing the audience was amusing; the stage speciacle was a long slow fizzle.

Yet this production of Offenbach's Les contes d'Hoffmann is one of the company's best, and it was well gussied up for the evening with Placido Domingo and Carol Vaness in the leads. Spalanzani had some new fantastical inventions, and an entirely new set was created for Act III by Günther Schneider-Siemssen, the original designer. It was an attractive and atmospheric design, but exactly how it improved upon the original one, which was lovely, is a

The real problem is the text: every time the Met presents Hoffmann it seems to grow a bit more. The present revival,



OPERA: NEW YORK

Opening night at the Met: Domingo and Vaness

a conflation of two differnt editions, stretched to more than four hours (with, admittedly, longish intervals). As it has done before, notably in its interminable version of Porgy and Bess. the Met has mistaken exhaustion for scholarship. Another miscalculation was the decision to cast Vaness in the three soprano roles. She is a fine and versatile soprano. but no Olympia. Her coloratu-

ra in Act I was in bad form. wild of intonation and erratic

rhythmically. The doll illusion was completely inadequate: Vaness is far too vital a personality to portray porcelain convincingly. In Acts II and III she improved, but seemed to have been thrown off her stride.

Mezzo-soprano Susan Mentzer sang the part of Nicklausse with sure technique and voluptuous tone. and the men acquitted themselves well. Domingo began the evening with a slightly dry and brittle tone, but the voice grew in warmth and flexibility, and by the duet in the Venice act he was in splendid, impassioned form.

Samuel Ramey was excellent in the four villainous roles, proving once again that he is one of America's best singing actors. He made a creditable effort to find individual interpretations of the parts, rather than applying an all-purpose,

moustache-twirling sneer. The Met orchestra and chorus were superb, as they almost always are, but there was just too much of the work for a coherent shape to emerge. Some pieces do not improve by being taken terribly seriously, and Offenbach's elegant fantasy is one.

JAMIE JAMES

TELEVISION REVIEW

Murder without mystery

making to produce last night's Inside Story: The Assassin (BBC1) or a rather shallow level of tricksy camera work. Allende, he rewarded the cou-The programme delved into ple's faith in fascism by invitthe life of Michael Townley, a ing them to join Dina, his clean-cut boy who turned his secret police. Townley and back on picket-fence middle Callejas casually tortured and America to become an icy killed on Pinocher's behalf, assassin for Chile's General sometimes with explosives, of ten with a small bottle of Chanel No 5 filled with home-The teenage Townley found himself in Latin America because his father was posted made nerve gas. Unlike the real thing, which lingers for there with Ford Motors. He quickly took up with Mariana Callejas, an anti-communist

hours and may lead to a night on a six-foot divan, the Townley-brewed Chanel lingered for just a few seconds and always led to an eternity six feet underground.

But the couple barely blinked as they killed. Townley thought his behaviour no

odder or more morally repre-

hensible than that of a British soldier who would have shot Goebbels on sight had the Nazi come strolling around the corner. Even now he told the programme-makers that he was haunted by his murders but only "to a degree".

The FBI called him "the perfect assassin - a man who is so blindly, terrifyingly obedient, he would kill anyone, anywhere, without hesitation". They said this after Townley killed Orlando Letelier, a former Allende cabinet minister and a vocal Pinochet critic, by blowing up his car, bang in the centre of Washington. The FBI got mad. They

traced him to Chile and forced

Pinochet (who was just about to bump off his own assassin for fear that he knew too much) to extradite Townley to America, which must have brought home to Townley just how cruel life can be. Townley got his own back by grassing on the Cuban exiles in America who had helped him with information. In return the FBI gave him a lenient sentence and a chance to live under a new identity and the protec-

tion of US marshals. But after watching a film about murderers working for a regime whose evil handiwork is still being unearthed in the gruesome mass graves in Chile, I did not feel the despair

one commonly experiences after digesting fresh evidence of man's inhumanity to man. At first I put this down to the fidgery carnera work and fussy reconstructions: as if we would yawn at a sequence longer than two seconds; as if the horror were not gripping enough; as if we would complain if, when the narrator said "Townley telephoned his contacts", we could not see a sweaty hand shovelling coins into a payphone. I was so busy keeping track of the camera work that I often lost track of the message. But later it struck me that

perhaps this was the whole point, to show how easy it is for sensitive chaps like Townley and me to expose ourselves to the horrors of killing strangers and still sleep easy at night.

JOE JOSEPH

ARTS BRIEF

Not much prized

AN ARTS centre which has won a £7,500 award will not be able to receive it — because the local authority which owns the centre has refused to accept the prize. The Garage Arts and Media Centre in Walsall (based in a former car showroom) was presented with the British Gas Adapt Award for its provision of facilities for the disabled. It won £2.500 as the best arts centre and £5,000 for the best overall provision for the handicapped. But none of the money will come to the centre because its future will not be guaranteed by Waisall district council.

Council leader Michael Bird said: "I couldn't accept the prize because I was asked to guarantee the centre. It is costing £10,000 a day to keep open, which we cannot afford." The centre was refurbished at a cost of £3.5 million

Labour-controlled; it has been up for sale since control of the council passed to the Tories in

Ali to himself

NO ONE could argue with star billing for Robin Williams in Bill Forsyth's new film, Being Human. The American actor is playing all five leading roles. The film, which started shooting in the north of Scotland this week, tells the story of five men who inhabit different periods of history, from the Bronze Age to the late 20th century. All of them are searching for their lost family. Williams is best known for such films as The Fisher King. Dead Poets Society and Good Morning Vietnam, each of which earned him an Acade-

my Award nomination. Eastwards only

FIFTEEN years ago the Victoria and Albert abandoned touring exhibitions. News that tours are now to be revived by the museum will not greatly comfort the regional museums by Walsall council when it was for which such travelling ends on Sunday. MI... "EVILUIREMA --- E MEM. ..

shows were a major draw the new series of exhibitions

will be seen only in Japan. The V&A this week launched a three-year pro-

gramme of five touring exhibitions, starting with "The Arts of the Victorians", which will visit four cities including Tokyo. Why Japan? Sponsorship, of course: the "six-figure arrangement", as the museum puts it, is with the Japanese retail chain Hankyu and the television company NHK. Last chance . . .

H.E. TIDMARSH was a name unknown to fame, or at least it was until "Images of Tidmarsh" opened at the Museum of London (071-600) 3699). He was one of the many faceless illustrators who provided half-tone reproductions in turn-of-the-century magazines. But he was also one of the best at evoking the bustle of London streets, and the architectural splendours soaring above them. His watercolour originals are an eye-opener. The exhibition



Toad's eye view of reunification

Michael Hofmann defends Günter Grass's satire on German-Polish relationships against his countrymen that no one in Germany wants to play, but everyone wants to be a referee. On the rare occasions when a player emerges from the tunnel, it is only to be hacked to the ground by 22 referees. Something of the kind happened in May when Gunter Grass's latest book came out there and was promptly set upon by the critics, mostly adopting a childishly high tone with crocodile tears

coursing down their cheeks. Reading the new book, in the distinguished prose of Ralph Manheim, who translated almost all Grass's novels and sadly died last week, it is hard to understand the furore. The Call of the Toad -I'll come to the odd title later — is not dynamic or magnificent, or even acerbic, but Grass has been all these things before. He is not the draughtsman he was either, his crabby, muddy toads on the cover and at the start of each chapter nowhere near as sharp as his earlier quills, phalluses and flounders.

THE CALL OF THE TOAD

By Günter Grass Translated by Ralph Manheim Secker & Warburg, £14.99

The book has other virtues, though. In surprising contrast to its reception, it is quite un-shrill, a comfortably slack and likeable tale, told with ironic humour by an effortlessly dexterous and experienced puppeteer, by turn bored, irate and sceptical of his dolls. Above all, and thank God, it exists, where the referees would like to enjoin silence and respect.

It takes the extraordinary and intimidating historical events of the past three years in Ger-many, and tacks a fictional plot on to them by way of commentary, a

The first-person narrator has been left a bundle of material letters, journals, photographs, tapes, films — by Alexander Reschke, a widower and history of arts professor from the Ruhr, relating to his amorous friendship with Alexandra Piatkowska, widow. gilder and restorer. A German and a Pole,

both displaced, one born in Danzig, the other moved there. The material is about them, but mostly it is about their joint project, the Polish-German-Lithuanian Cemetery Association, whose purpose is to make it possible for displaced persons from this "century of expulsion" to be buried in "home soil"

Their "baby" is the Gdansk



Cemetery of Reconciliation. It seems a harmless and romantic idea, a kind of bridge between their own harmless romance and distinctly unromantic developments in Germany and the wider world. But the "beautiful idea" has a "ghastly incarnation": it acquires momentum as a business, money attaches to it, and must needs breed more

money. Their "clien-tèle", initially "burial ready persons", becomes ever younger. First, they want to move closer to home soil in the twilight of their lives, requiring the building of "two thousand senior-citizen living units". Then there are the needs of their visitors and families, golf courses spring up around the cemetery, and because

clinic has to be installed in the retirement home. What began as an idealistic scheme ends as a The character of Reschke -

grotesque re-invasion of Poland. which seems to have escaped the German critics - is conceived as a long-winded, conscientious, selfregarding German bore. He is, I

of the stress of funerals, a maternity

think, a satirical self-portrait of the author, an old Danziger in a beret and pepper-and-salt moustache. He represents the German double nature, the dreamer and the organiser, a great talker and a great doer; both a drawer of prophetic pictures of bombed Danzig and a collector of record numbers of potato beetles; the author of a thesis on baroque tombstones, and the deviser of "praxis oriented courses for art history students". The Pole, earth-bound, practical, and pithy; a smoker and a celebrant, "slim to

overflowing" (Manbeim's gallant shot at vollschlank). The Call of the Toad is a somewhat skimpy vanity; not a novel, more of a parable; a thorough-going Musil-type elaboration of the cemetery idea would itself be vanity. It is a skit on revanchism and the Drang nach Osten (going west! — go east!), a meditation on

the accident-prone nature of the bien-pensant German intellectual. The best of it is its cleverly connected imagery, and its crown-ing glory the Solidarnosc bicycle rickshaw with its three-note, toadsounding bell. It would take far too long to explain how that is brought in. Suffice to say that Grass is still a Uri Geller of the literary field. As satire, the book is interestingly mild and melancholy. Reality itself offers sharper material: the re-burial of Frederick the Great last year, this week's anniversary celegreate baron them

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And the toads? The narrator swallowed one as a boy for a dare. There are toads flattened on the road. Alexander identifies with the toad, whose call "foreshadows disaster", fire-toads singing as the planet warms. The Germans have a verb, "unken" (to toad), foreboding, premonition, Cassandra's warning. Toads are as pessimistic as the best Germans. Günter Grass remains a great

Dame Edna's subversive other half

Sean French divines maternal fixation in Barry Humphries's enthralling memoirs

hen Barry Humphries was at art school in Melbourne in the early Fifties, he and friends invented a form of Dadaist "street theatre" designed to affront bourgeois Australia. In one example, a friend would enter the no-smoking compartment of a train disguised as a severely injured blind man, he would be offered a seat by a respectable matron and would then remove a "braille book" from his pocket (it was actually an old pianola roll) and proceed to read it.

At the next station Humphries would get in, in bohemian attire. smoking a pungent Turkish cigarette and reading a German newspaper. He waited until the train pulled into the next station and then, to the horror of the middleclass women sitting around, proceeded to attack the blind man. kicking his plaster, shattering his glasses, shouting at him in German and then making his escape.

In an even more extreme example, a friend would pour a tin of Russian salad, which closely resembled vomit, on to a pavement. Disgusted pedestrians would be gingerly stepping around it when Humphries would appear dressed as a tramp, remove a spoon and proceed to eat it, "noticing out of the corner of my eye. and with some satisfaction, several people actually being sick at the spectacle".

Whatever else it may be, this is a form of artistic anarchism, almost terrorism, that the original Dadaists would have applauded. The ultimate triumph of Barry Humphries is that he is still doing it, and that it has made him, in a complicatedly ironic way, an international star. Dame Edna Everage is a parody of celebrity who has become a real celebrity, whatever "real"

means in showbusiness. Watch the nervous faces of the other celebrities as they sit next to her being insulted on her chat shows. What can they do to save face? If they attempt to be funny, they'll be put down from "her" impregnable position of strength. If they are serious, they look absurd. Melvyn Bragg was visibly devastated ten years ago when Dame Edna asked a studio audience if anyone had read any of his novels and nobody raised a hand.

Yet, as this enthralling memoir shows, Humphries is not a simple satirist. He is a scourge of celebrities who is obsessed with them and is himself desperate for fame. He mocks the timid provincial bad taste of his pampered childhood. but he is also in love with it. His account of those years is like a poetic catalogue, dense with lovingly rendered detail, from which the whole culture of pre-war Australian suburbia could be reconstructed.

Anyone who has paid attention to Humphries' best creations -Dame Edna, the gross Les Patterson, the whimsical, elegaic Sandy Stone - knows he is a master of language. There is an uncanny sense that he knows the word for everything: emetic food products,



native and imported flora and MORE PLEASE fauna, now forgotten artefacts that An Autobiography made up a modern Thirties home. By Barry Humphries He loves the old objects and he Viking, £16.99

loves words as well, writing them as if they were jewels he is pleasurably fingering: perfervid, ventripotence, stercoraceous, corvhantics, but also series of wrecked marriages and Australian slang, of which he is a connoisseur. One of Australia's chronic alcoholism. The most perceptive comment in the book is by contributions to British letters is the the Australian novelist, Patrick mingling of the high and the low White: "Very difficult to assess. He style, and in the first half of this is such an actor one can't decide book Humphries juggles them when the acting has stopped."

The disturbing photographs in In the more austere second half, the book are those not of him in the intoxication becomes literal as drag, but when he is meant to be Humphries moves to Britain and himself. Ever since adolescence he achieves success at the cost of a has been strikingly handsome, and

always half amused, half disengaged. Like Dame Edna conducting an interview, he always has an ironic expression asserting that he isn't taking this seriously and so cannot be blamed. It was this sense of detachment, constant performance, that the drink was able to blur and smooth over.

Barry Humphries is an aesthete, a superb writer, a comic genius, but there is something chilling about him also. I must admit that I now find Edna too disturbing to be bearable. At times in this book he is almost terrified by himself. One of the most brilliantly cruel ripostes ever thought up on the spur of the moment was delivered by the 20year-old Humphries after he had

borrowed the family car for a night of debauchery. Reaching under the driver's seat his father produced a packet of contraceptives: "What is this doing in your mother's car?' I heard a voice, which I recognised as my own, reply: I don't know.

Perhaps you'd better ask her?"'
Humphries describes this horrifyingly funny moment as "one of the most courageous statements of my life, yet paradoxically one of which I am least proud". When you next laugh at Dame Edna, consider that you are watching a man who has dressed up as a woman in order both to shock his dead mother and to dress up as her, like Norman Bates in Psycho. Comedy is a

astonished whispering of the leaves

Klima happily employs the vo-

cabulary and rituals of the old communist world. The closed fron-

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the deployment of petty and often

improvised regulations to make

ordinary lives a trial, the suspicion

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population: all recall the fact that

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Why construct more frontiers when

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"hung" for "hanged", "strived" for "striven". But Klima himself is on

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Teddy boy blues

Lois Rathbone

SALT ON OUR SKIN By Benoite Groult Translated by Mo Teitelbaum Hamish Hamilton. £9.99 pbk original

LUCIE'S LONG VOYAGE By Alina Reyes Translated by David Watson

n the tradition of Colette, Anais Nin and George Sand, France has thrown up another pair of writers to reopen the erotica versus pornography debate. Benoite Groult is 72, a feminist and academic who has written an allegedly "obscene" book that has already sold more than a million copies in Europe. It has been made into a film starring Greta Scacchi.

to be released next year. Salt on our Skin is not strictly erotic if one of the aims of erotica is mere arousal. It is a touching story of a highly sexual 30-year affair between a snobbish Parisian academic and the Bréton fisherman with whom she falls in love at the age of 17. The young George (named after George Sand) is too practical to accept Gavin's offer of marriage and embarks instead on a series of sterile relationships with other academics while contriving to meet her lover for a holiday every

other year. As the affair is based on the physical, Groult goes into some detail. We are given the full works on George's cold sores, swollen feet and body odours, on Gavin's slackening musculature and general dilapidation. She tries to employ a vocabulary that avoids the hackneved titiliation of male pomographers. Despite her best attempts, however, she cannot help occasionally slipping into cliché. Gavin is "rushed towards climax by the beast awakened within" and "it wasn't long before I was accepting, indeed imploring, his branding iron, begging him to penetrate me once more with that enormous thing". Groult's good intentions to rescue erotica from the artistic dustbin do not always succeed. Salt on the Skin is a good read thanks to the old virtues of character and plot development, rather than the sex.

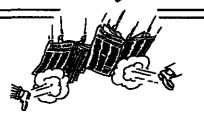
lina Reyes follows no such feminist agenda. Her first novel, The Butcher, compared sex with butchery. "Well, we are meat, aren't we?" she told her critics. Her second work is less explicit. The narrator of Lucie's Long Vovage falls in love with, er, a bear. Lost in the Pyrenees, she seeks

out the bear for protection and sleeps in his cave, eating wild berries and ants. Here, supposedly, is the erotic core. Legs are opened under the moonlight and we are given a lot of flannel about "flowers with purple clusters, or with yellow corollas opening on a black pistil. sticking out like a tongue". This might make sense to David Bellamy, but did not do much for this reviewer's pulse. After the botany lesson it emerges that the bear has cured Lucie of infertility and has provided her with an unusually haury little boy.

Lucie is rescued from this idyll by her old boyfriend and reluctantly returns to a nameless, apocalyptic city. She swaps stories with an old man, a writer she finds in the public library. Here we become lost in a maze of stories within stories, some more skilfully told than others. This is dream country, a mixture of Freudianism and fable, riddled with magic realism and little of the humour which characterised The Butcher.

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ALL IN A DAY'S WORK. THE

Keeping busy on the precipice of light and compassion and chari-

an ecological as well as a human disaster. It also forced Czech writers whosigned the human rights document Charter 77 into alternative trades, keeping them from their desks but foisting upon them wide experience of the system's destructiveness. Ivan Klima was a surveyor's assistant, an archaeological volunteer, a courier, and even had his hour as an engine-driver. Now returning to those experiences he draws up his indictment of a dying humanity and a poisoned earth, knowing communism alone is not to blame. Unsmiling girls and bitter old men capable only of further betrayal suggest a virtually hopeless prospect of global evil. Mining new metaphors for the

synthetic perfumes, the mixture of

with intoxicating skill.

love and garbage strewn about our planet is Klima's strength, instantly giving this post-communist novel wider appeal. A poignant collection of six linked tales, it has the feel of a visitor's report after the end of

Too much thinking, combined with overt homages to Kafka,

xbridge continues to exert

endless fascination for writ-

ers of fiction. At the lower

end of the market we have Inspec-

tor Morse solving murders against the agreeable background of Ox-

ford college life. Now a new novel by a young Spaniard who taught at

Oxford promises something

All Souls by Javier Marias has

been ecstatically received in Spain.

winning the Ciudad de Barcelona

prize in 1990 and being voted one

of the two best novels published

since 1975 by El Pais. It is, unashamedly, a roman à clef and

its drawbacks are those of all such

autobiographical exercises, name-

thin. It merely encompasses the

author's two-year stint at the university. He arrives to teach Spanish

and is slotted into college life

To begin with, the plot is pretty

ly, do they really count as fiction?

Lesley Chamberlain

MY GOLDEN TRADES By Ivan Klima Translated by Paul Wilson Granta Books, £13.99

tangled Klima's style in the earlier novel Love and Garbage, but here he has woven together his firstperson stories with such apparent ease that they bear the occasional philosophical reflection on feminine mystery versus "the age of engineering". The stories work because they are good fiction. Klima has drawn on Kafka's universal "I" to engage a wide audience for symbolic narratives the effect of which is neither to

baffle nor estrange. Klima's world is full of undisclosed personal misfortunes alongside small unexpected patches of happiness. Months and years pass unnumbered in this morally and physically grubby environment. through which pass occasional rays

ty. Have we woken up too late? My Golden Trades is resonant with Old Testament sonorities, suggesting imminent vengeance for human carelessness. Love and garbage surface here as often as Eros and Thanatos, almost as if they were the mature human condition. And Thanatos holds no romance and promises nothing.

Death shows itself on days when the secret police victimise innocent individuals, when painters can find no new inspiration, when loved ones die of industrially-caused diseases. Death is broken buildings, dead eyes and endless shiny new fences around wastelands. An old farmer driven by the secret police to living in a morgue keeps notebooks which are burnt by an embarrassed priest when he dies, for the old man must have realised, says Klima's narrator, that life itself had become a mortuary. The surveyor's assistant meanwhile has to cut down a tree, which in self-defence squeezes his blade so tightly that the sweat pours down his forehead. He experiences a moment of mortal

assistant, "constructs his door so top form. In an explicit postword, abrasive central European writer

will necessarily fade away with the loss of his chief and most recent inhuman antagonist.

nant groups, he has few friends and little money. Added to which, opportunities for meeting girls are now made almost impossible by the likely charge of sexual harassment if he so much as offers a female undergraduate a cup of coffee. The only emotional outlets are adultery, homosexuality or a descent into the veritable Hades of non-university life. It is no wonder that Javier Marias suffered something like severe depression amid the dreaming spires.

Because of its obvious and under standable antipathy to Oxford, this book never really escapes its autobiographical roots. The characters fail to come to life, and the central "theme", the author's adulterous affair, is almost totally insubstantial. Even the set-piece of the awful college dinner is a laboured affair.

Javier Marias writes well, despite

Trials of a Spanish don at high table

Christine Verity

ALL SOULS By Javier Marias Translated by Margaret Juli Costa Harvill. E14.99

attending a gruesome college din-ner. He falls, rather half-heartedly. for a colleague's wife, goes to London and back again, buys a few rare books, attends (in desperation) a disco in search of female company, chats to a few staid old dons,

gives up his mistress and, with obvious pleasure, returns home. Why did the author, who is obviously a sociable and intelligent man, have such an awful time in one of the world's intellectual hothouses? Perhaps he was not warned of the difficulties facing the bachelor don. For while the undergraduates of both sexes -- whether fogey or Trotskeyite - still manage to enjoy their time hugely, and the

in leafy suburbs fortified by decent schools and forsaken ambition, the young male don is east adrift. Squeezed between the two domi- lengthy existential disquisitions.

married dons eke out an existence

CANDIDO!

Greatest baron of them all

Woodrow Wyatt says that a new life of

the Beaver surpasses other books on the tycoon-politician, while hiding neither his

monstrosities nor his irresistible charm

A Life

Michael Davie

Hutchinson, £20

n 1972 A.J.P. Taylor published a fine biography of Beaverbrook as politician and newspaperman. This surpasses it Mr and Mrs Michael Davie have dug in the same vast mine of Beaverbrook archives but have opened new seams. They have also added entirely fresh material and joyous anecdotes. The restless genius with demonic energy per-petually thirsting for power is often portrayed as a calculating corrupter of men's minds, and of women's hearts, offering temptations as lavishly as Satan in the Bible he was

so fond of quoting. Short and hairy. nis large, blemugly face seemed incongruously perched at the top of his small frame. Then came the disarming grin and the charm of his flattery.

Who could resist that rasping voice saying: "I've just been talking to Winston about you . . . ", as he once said to me, and probably to many others? If he was evil, how could so incorruptible and sweet-natured a person as Michael Foot have adored him? Why did most of the galaxy of lovely women (many newly described here) with whom he had affairs remain devoted to

im afterwards? had been drifting aimlessly, drink-Some psychoanalysts would read ing and gambling until on his 21st

much into the frequent thrashings from his mother, the redoubtable wife of a Presbyterian minister in Canada. Beaverbrook's father was gentle, though with his huge beard he resembled the God of the Old Testament fiercely preaching the Calvinist doctrine of damnation. Despite committing catalogues of sins his father warned against, Beaverbrook's religion stuck to him. He called his racing stables at Newmarket Calvin Lodge, as-sumed by many locals to be the name of a Canadian jockey. He never overcame remorse for

his ill-treatment of his beautiful and loyal wife, Gladys, who died aged 39 after 21 years of **BEAVERBROOK** marriage unsettled posed on her as By Anne Chisholm and guests. When I asked him his beliefs he replied: "I

will send a telegram to the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada and whatever he says I believe in. that's what I believe in." A hypochondriac afflicted genuinely by asthma, he was obsessed with death and the nearer he came to it the more he feared eternal doom. He came to England aged 31,

already a multi-millionaire. He

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birthday he met a "lad of energetic temperament" who had prospered in the US by hard work. This sparked a blinding "conversion". He hurled himself into business. Rapidly he became Canada's dominant financier, pulling off a celebrated coup with his Canada Cement merger. He continued to build an ever larger fortune from the proceeds for the rest of his life.

The authors' research shows that using the same methods today would have landed him in jail or close by. Even pre-1914 they were thought pretty hot: Beaverbrook was still trying to extinguish the last whills of scandal more than 50 years on. But he had done nothing illegal. The canard that he was afraid to visit Canada is demonstrated as manifest moonshine.

The eccentric charm and great wealth of the bizarre juvenile conquered nearly all London's social and political world. He entered the Commons certain he would become prime minister. He had a gift for intrigue and for winning (usually) the trust of the right person at the right moment. He persuaded the bashful Bonar Law.

fellow Canadian who made profitable investments through Beaverbrook's agency, to aim for No. 10, which he reached in October 1922. Aided by his newspapers, Beaverbrook had been pivotal in dislodging Asquith for Lloyd George and now it was Lloyd

His newspapers won tremendous circulations based on his acute observation of human nature, which served him well in other spheres. He knew what the average aspiring middle classes without intellectual pretensions would like, having shared their cultural background. He chose editors who deverly interpreted his instances for a good story or angle and had them put into short, lively sentences. He hired from among the best writers those with the widest appeal.

His political views were often tosh. He was an appeaser until September 1, 1939, his papers proclaiming there would be no war. His Empire Free Trade Crusade soon collapsed. But his ideas were always echoed by much of his audience and unquestionably he delayed Britain's adherence to the Treaty of Rome. Wrong or right, ne cared passionately about Britain.

In getting the vital aircraft produced by unorthodox means he backed Churchill loyally until, unhinged by a series of military calamities, he tried foolishly to grab his job. For Mrs Churchill, and others who never trusted him, it was an "I told you so". Later, Churchill and he were friends again till Beaverbrook died helieving his life had been wasted because his impossible dream of being PM was unfulfilled.

His help to friends, past or present employees, even enemies, down on their luck was immediate and generous. Sometimes his impish love of sowing discord went too far, as in his vendettas against Mountbatten, I suspect this was more from jealousy connected with his once intimate friend Edwina Mountbatten than from a belief that Mountbatten had caused unnecessary Canadian deaths in the

He could be cruel and spiteful. Like others. I have been embarrassed by his humiliation of "little" Max. the son he dearly loved. But that is about the extent of his evil. according to this fair and entertaining book. If there is a Hell, magical

Scent of a secret inferno

Nigella Lawson

By Josephine Hart Chatto & Windus, £11.99

ne cannot help but approach Josephine Hart's second novel with a frisson of nervous anticipation. After Damage, it would be difficult to expect anything but picasure from her pen, even if it is the kind of pleasure one gets from holding a candle above one's palm and letting the hot wax drip, searingly, on to it. But after that first, savage fiction,

expectations are high. The light has not been extinguished: the candle still flickers. Sin it is true, is not as good a novel as Damage. The elegant, adamantine prose is as powerful as ever. etching itself uncomfortably onto the reader's imagination. But that corrosive, burning glow is more diffuse: malevolence threatens to spill into melodrama. With a lesser writer, the book would be submerged under the theatricality of its plot. With Josephine Hart, devastation and death, on the scale of a Jacobean tragedy, are contained within a cool and ruthless grasp.

"It seemed to me I came wrapped in a caul of darkness and anger," writes Ruth, whose role of only daughter has been taken from her by Elizabeth, ner orphaned cousin who, before Ruth's birth, is taken into her parents' home, thus becoming "my mother's first child. Though not her firstborn. A terrible injustice to me." Elizabeth, the imposter-sister, ensures that Ruth is "forever, falsely the second". To make up for that theft of her "blood right, Ruth plans a lifetime's revenge, to steal from Elizabeth. malevolently planning her usurpersister's destruction.

Hart seems to cleave to her own hermetically sealed world. Sin deals with the tension between the black heart and the glossy surface of things. The exterior world is moneyed, cultivated. controlled. Beneath it rage depravity, erone obsession and a flexed malignity.

Ruth is swathed in sulphurous darkness, observing Elizabeth, her parents' "golden child" who seems suffused in light, "a light in which I should have bathed alone". Elizabeth has taken what Ruth feels is rightfully hers, and Ruth retaliates by petty piltering. Only as they get older does Ruth wage a more violent campaign.

Not assuaged by the fact that she grows into a beauty ("A statement of fact. A statement of power.") while Elizabeth's early promise ades to mere nallid attractiveness Ruth enters into covert competition with her sister in the sexual arena. The perfect love between Elizabeth and her banker husband adds impetus to the light. "Its perfection challenged me. Why mar something already imperfect? It is the first crack that ruins the Ming."
When the first tragedy strikes, it

is not enough, for Ruth is innocent of the cause of Elizabeth's unhappiness. It is not so much that Elizabeth should suffer, but that she should suffer at Ruth's hand, even if Ruth herself should be bloodied in the fight, and by the end her "own life had arched back in agony and snapped". Ruth is pursing a scorched earth policy.

In Damage, the struggle was barer, the sense of evil less clogged with events, Sin has its histrionic moments: one is shocked rather than winded by it. But Harr's accomplishment, not a small one, is to leave the reader persuaded and, more, possessed by what she writes.

CORRECTION

The photograph accompanying Sir John Glubb.

Dislocated by his inner life

nevitably, one opens a book of political memoirs with trepidation: will it be carry or embarrassingly indiscreet or merely very tedious? In the case of Cecil Parkinson, it is particularly difficult to predict: one knows so much about him, and yet there is so much enigmatic about him. Beneath that articulate, persuasive charm, what

kind of man is lurking? Will he let us into the secret? Surprisingly, he does let us into the secret, and the secret is deep. It comes out in many places, nowhere more than in descriptions of Parkinson's Cambridge. Take this passage on Leavis: "His fundamental distinction between the 'imaginative' and 'the contrived' has stayed with me all my life, and extends itself, as he intended that it should, far beyond literature as an

What follows is an example of the truly "imaginative" as opposed to the "contrived" when Brian Walden. passionately defending the

closed shop, recognised the views naturally held by people coming "a background that has been not only in their own lives but in their training basically individualistic" and yet asks such people to grasp the different set of values: no better, no worse" which shape the

infallible touchstone."

Labour Party - "collective values ... values very well understood" that made "the Labour Party able to stand together as a group when we were anonymous."

This is a remarkable thing to find in the autobiography of a contemporary politician. Here is Parkinson, sitting on the benches of the Commons, listening to a fine speech and thinking back 20 years, to a dank Mill Lane, a lecture room in Cambridge after tea, and to the little, vituperative Leavis hammering home a conception, at the time only abstractly grasped but now applicable and illuminating. A man who can write this - and

he writes it, like the rest of the book. well - is a man who has that most precious commodity in the world. an inner life. He is also a man who can distinguish between disagreement and disrespect, recognising intellectual and moral qualities in his opponents, as in Walden.

This tone pervades the book. There is a charity, sensitivity and perception in it which quite defies the public image of the smooth operator. We have a picture of a golden childhood as a clever and athletic boy in a working class family at "Carnforth pronounced Carnfuth . . . by the shores of Morecambe Bay ... walking, picknicking and swimming; then a schoolboy with "a particular enthusiasm. bordering on fanaticism, about a Russian general", a member of the Labour Party, an attender of communist rallies and, briefly, a wouldOliver Letwin

RIGHT AT THE CENTRE By Cecil Parkinson

Even once he is in the thick of politics, he never allows his disagreements to mar his recognition of quality or his moral perceptions. His relationship with Heseltine, for example, involves holding a set of distinctions simultaneously in mind. Though there is no attempt to conceal the depth of the dispute with Heseltine about Thatcherism and Mrs Thatcher, there is also a repeated insistence on Parkinson's great liking and respect" for a flamboyant" man who "could handle big issues and had many of the qualities of a leader". Nor is this

window-dressing: at moments of crisis — as when Parkinson contemplates taking a company chairmanship, instead of returning to politics it is none other than the "openly ambitious" Heseltine whom he consuits and by whom he is revealingly told to wait out his time and return to cabinet because

the big decisions are taken here". In short, Parkinson sees the man for what he is, disagrees with what he disagrees with, and yet both admires what is admirable and likes what is likeable.

So the secret is out: Parkinson, the smooth operator, is actually underneath - not only a man with an inner life but also a charitable and subtle observer. And yet, an enigma remains, well expressed in that same term, "observer". One has the sense, throughout, of a man who (even when he is very much engaged in what others would think of as "doing") is nevertheless to an altogether surprising extent a dispassionate spectator of the passing scene. We see it in the Sara Keays episode ("she was pregnant" not "I made her pregnant"), in the great electricity privatisation ("what found interesting was that from day one there was more competition ... than ... in ... telecommu-nications and ... gas", not "I

created more competition than .") and throughout in the attitude to Mrs Thatcher, the great "doer" who appears repeatedly in these pages, pushing, deciding, driving almost as if to the amazed admiration of the perceptive commentator,

It is, in the end, a fascinating and unusual self-portrait of an inner self looking not only at the outer world but also, almost passively, at his own outer self acting in that world. It leaves one feeling that one has been in the company of a man both attractive and remarkable and yet

The fifth and last volume of Tony Benn's diaries might more aptly have been titled A Comedy of Errors. Not merely Benn's own, although his follies throughout Labour's decade of despair were many; but also those of an inept party leadership, first under Michael Foot ("rambling" is one of Benn's kinder descriptions and then under Neil Kinnock. ("vacuous" and "pompous").

An admission at the outset: I, too. played a part in many of those errors, having worked for Benn full-time during his 1981 camaign against Denis Healey for the deputy leadership. Yet some of us whose political views have altered in the intervening years look back on what happened with something approaching horror. Benn appears to have no such regrets.

The diaries begin a year into Mrs

Thatcher's first government and

end with her downfall. While everyone else has accommodated to the events in between, Benn's own political position is left virtually unaltered. Benn and Thatcher remain the two fixed points, and Benn's admiration for Thatcher shines through the diaries. This is less surprising than might at first appear. Much of the powerful appeal of Bennism was always a belief that all the left needed to do was to present a mirror image of Thatcherism — that is, fight for its class as hard as she fought for hers. "I must say I give her full marks, she certainly fights her corner and puts across her propaganda," Benn recorded in June 1980. The admiration remains undimmed at the end. On the day in November 1990 when she made that bizarre appearance in Paris to declare - "I fight on, I fight to win" - when everyone knew she was finished. Benn wrote warmly of her "starnina and persistence".

Leading the charge of the Bennite brigade

Nigel Williamson

THE END OF AN ERA Diaries 1980-1990 By Tony Benn Hutchinson, £25

This is a characteristic with which Benn can identify. To him the history of the Labour movement is made up of defeats at least as glorious as the victories: the "great sense of pride" among the crushed miners; the Tory landslide of 1983 which Benn hailed as a victory because eight million people had voted for "real socialism".

In Benn's romantic view, losing and winning are not as important in the greater socialist scheme as the struggle itself. "If people do stand up and fight, they transform the morale of every other oppressed person and they reveal the repressive nature of the state." Benn recorded in his diary the week after the miners went back to work.

In one of the most turbulent decades in modern British politics. which saw the rise and fall of the SDP, the effective end of militant trade unionism and a radical Tory government, Benn's lack of judgement is remarkable. The blame for the miners' defeat falls, not on Arthur Scargill, but on the "totally defective character of the Labour and trade union hierarchy". The print unions lost at Wapping not because the old Fleet Street practices were indefensible, but because



Tony Benn: fought and lost Bristol rather than accept a safe seat

the leaders did "nothing to mobilise their full strength". Labour voters deserted because of Labour's non-socialist leadership. not because Thatcher articulated their aspirations.

Yet lack of judgment does not make the man the ambitious and dangerous ogre of the popular press. Once Michael Foot became leader, a more emollient Benn might have succeeded him after the 1983 election defeat. True, he was not even an MP by that stage - but the diaries reveal that this, too, was by personal choice. Benn was offered the new and safe Scottish seat of Livingston. He honourably opted to fight on at Bristol, in the almost certain knowledge that he would lose. What emerges is a picture of an innocent abroad. who believed in "saving what you mean and meaning what you say". Fitting, then, that these diaries end with the redefining of politics as an argument about Britain's role in European union In that argument. Benn and Lady Thatcher agree rather more than

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Henry Stanhope's review of Trevor Royle's Glubb Pasha (September 24) was of Col. Henry Joynson, not

Sarky tyke with a taste for the sublime

his is an anthology of the prose and poetry that has provided pleasure and inspiration to Denis Healey throughout his life. The bulk of the book is provided by the author's chosen literature. His connecting text is modest but helps illuminate a singularly successful political career that stopped only just short of becoming leader of the Labour

It also makes clear that his rumbustious and occasionally vulgar public reputation was just a veneer containing an intellect that clearly overshadowed his Balliol contemporaries, Roy Jenkins and Edward Heath.

Party.

The anthology is pleasurable on account of the literature selected and also for the insight it provides of Denis Healey outside the world of politics. The author's choice includes a number of lesser known poets. In particular he underlines the virtues of the work of Emily Dickinson who "can pack more meaning into forty words than some writers get into forty

Another favoured author is Thomas Traheme, a mid-17thcentury shoemaker's son, whom Healey discovered whilst an Oxford undergraduate. He writes: "since

John Biffen MY SECRET PLANET By Denis Healey

Michael Joseph, £16.99

and again for inspiration." The passage chosen for My Secret Planet comes from one of Traheme's "Meditations" and concerns the "wonder of childhood". It is powerfully written but without cloying sentimentality. In addition to the relatively unknown poets Healey also acknowledges the influence of the familiar names including Gerard Manley Hopkins

and Dylan Thomas. One of the attractions of the book is that the prose and poetry come from a balance of contributions. ranging from the very familiar to the relatively unknown. Inevitably the book will be examined to find some explanation of Healey's political career. His outstanding scholastic successes at Oxford had prepared him for an academic future. It was not to be.

He served in the second world war, seeing action in Italy, but "when I was demobilized I decided not to write my great work on Oxford but to



go into politics — since there seemed no other way of helping directly to prevent a Third World War. Healey makes dear that his socialism was of a general kind. related to the concept of the brotherhood of man.

It is also evident that his flirtation with communism at Oxford was very much the effervescence of a lively intellect. The book, both in the author's commentary and the anthology, confirms that Healey, as defence secretary and Chancellor of the Exchequer, was a pragmatic right-of-centre politician. That fortunately does not pre-

vent the occasional sarcastic broadside that discomfitted his opponents. In the section on boyhood he discusses the William books of Ricmal Crompton. "Violet Elizabeth, with her constant threat to 'theream and theream' till she's sick, seemed all too credible. though it was late in my life when I first came across the type in reality - and then in Downing Street." The main fascination of the book

lies outside Healey's political career. The sections of the anthology devoted to the Arts and Nature are particularly rewarding. The author writes "Oxford, the war, and politics all taught me the limitations of scientific reason as a guide to human beings. Fortunately I have always found the arts an inexhaustible source, not only of pleasure, but also of knowledge and understanding." These sentiments inspire some readable and risible excerpts. Notable is Berlioz's description of Liszt giving an afterdinner speech at a banquet in Prague, its inclusion is as unexpected as it is amusing.

Denis Healey acknowledges the importance of the countryside and nature. His Yorkshire upbringing was urban but closely linked to the stark grandeur of the nearby moors. Inevitably this has resulted in an appreciation of such well good read in its own right

known rural chroniclers as Kilvert and Housman, but Healer also acknowledges the work of Tony Harrison, a contemporary Leeds poet, and John Clare. The latter was a Northamptonshire peasant writing in the early 19th century. His poem, beginning "I love at early morn from new mown swath to see the startled frog its route pursue, simply sparkles, it is a further example of how the lesser known authors add lustre to an anthology that ranges from classical to contemporary times and from the great names to the obscure.

Of course the question abides whether or not the anthology reveals the author. There is profound sensitivity, when Healey describes the death of his mother and again in the anguish of Virginia Woolf's letter on her impending madness: there is a profound love of the arts and countryside, and there is great intellectual confidence in a mastery of philosophy. All this seems somewhat at odds with the bruising politician that Westminster came to know, respect and half fear over his 40 years in the Commons. I am prepared to believe that My Secret Planer does reveal an authentic Denis Healey: and if it does not then the anthology is a thoroughly

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The big bug poser solved

The Zoo would like to see any hitchhikers in your holiday luggage

atthew Robertson. the senior keeper at London Zoo's invertebrate conservation department, handling a 11/2 inlong bug, said: "It's a good job this is a female. The males sing loudly and like to crawl under fridges and use them as a resonating chamber."

On returning from a Greek holiday I opened my case and something hopped out. The creature had big back legs and two antennae and, for all I knew, it could kill with one bite. I rang the council pest control department. I was put on hold by the switchboard and fell into a British Telecom black hole.

Then I rang the zoo, which gets up to ten such calls a day. Mr Robertson told me to chill the creature into unconsciousness in the fridge and transfer it into the freezer, where it would sink into permanent sleep. "Don't put it straight in the freezer," he said. "The blood crystals freeze and the pain is excruciating." Although the department is

devoted to saving species, it must advise the public on how to dispose of hitchhikers, as Mr Robinson calls the insects in holidaymakers' baggage.
With only the haziest idea from a telephone call of what an insect might be, staff have to advise on killing it, in case it is dangerous, and sending it in, should it be a rare species.

The sad side is that if we

think it might be unusual or

rare, we do not have the

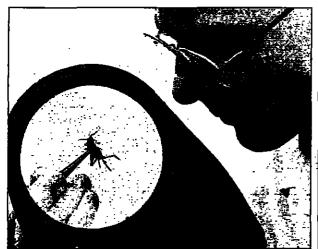
borough or wherever and take a look." Mr Robinson says. He is still tormented by a telephoned description of an in-sect sighting: the size of a carrot but green and flying. Most creatures the zoo is asked to identify, however, are crickets or cockroaches.

There are 19,000 species of insect in the UK and 100,000 in Europe, yet people are familiar with only a few common examples. Mine was a gryllomorpha, a kind of cricket. It liked damp, rocky places and was often found around Occasionally staff are called by Customs to identify crea-

tures imported for illegal trade or asked to mediate in disputes. Mr Robinson is at present acting for a travel company over a honeymoon couple's claim they could not consummate their marriage on the wedding night because the hotel hedmom was infested with fleas. He has been asked to identify the culprits. With the 200's future still uncertain, maybe this time next year holidaymakers with

bugs will have nowhere to turn. The Natural History Museum will identify insects, but for £37 plus VAT. Meanwhile, keep sending in your unidentified flying or crawling objects. "But not in a match box please," Mr Robinson says. "When we open it up we just find a few mashed-up

LINDA GRANT



It's a cricket: Matthew Robertson knows his insects

From today if you are rich and break the law, you will be fined a lot more than someone poor. George Hill reports

Fines and punishment

f the Mercedes gliding down the M25 this morning seems to be behaving less as if it owned the road than it did yesterday, and the rattling alopy it overtakes seems to give way less deferentially, the reason may be that the drivers of both cars are aware that the Criminal Justice Act 1991 comes into effect today.

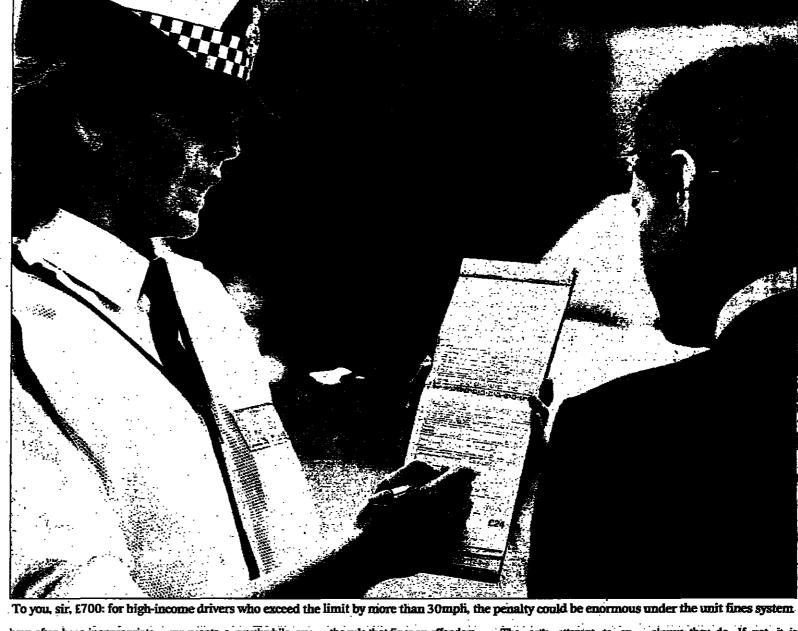
From now on, motorists fined for traffic offences, in common with all those coming before magistrates' courts, will have their income taken into account when the size of the fine is assessed. A wellheeled offender may have to hand over 25 times as much as his penniless counterpart, for exactly the same offence.

This new pattern of "unit fines" will apply in the new youth courts, as well as magistrates courts for adult offenders. It will therefore cover the most controversial aspect of the new act, the rules designed to ensure that parents take a more direct responsibility for the misdeeds of their wayward children. If Lord Snooty is ever fined for his riotous exploits with the catapult, his guardians will in future have their spending power taken into account if a fine is imposed on the wayward peer. If Dennis the Menace is ever brought to book, his long-suffering parents will be penalised at only a fraction of the same rate.

If either of these unruly juveniles gets into trouble with the law from now on, the adults nominally in charge of him will have to bear a greater share of the consequences in other ways too. Fines and compensation to victims of children's crimes are already normally charged to the parents. In future they will be charged on a unit basis in the light of the parents' ability to pay. Courts will be able to impose a fine of up to £1,000 on parents who refuse to be bound over to control their

The principle behind unit fining is that to make the punishment fit the crime is not enough: it must fit the criminal too. Magistrates courts have always had a discretion to take an offender's poverty into account when fining, but they have had no explicit statutory sanction to take account of an offender's wealth.

In practice courts have imposed fines at levels which



have often been inappropriate at both ends of the income scale. A significant minority of fined offenders are eventually sent to prison for failing to pay. While some of these may be irremediably feckless or determined to make martyrs of themselves, many probably would pay if they could.

In the four areas where unit fines have been imposed on an experimental basis since 1988, the rate of imprisonment for default has fallen by as much as a quarter. This

represents a worthwhile saving in administrative cost, since a fine brings in revenue (about £70, on average), while sending someone to jail costs the state more than £300 a week. Unit fines should therefore prove good news to the

With unit fines, the court

considers the seriousness of

the offence, and rates it on a scale of uncosted units (see below) — seven units for a speeding offence and 30 or 40 units for possession of cocaine or grievous bodily harm. Then the scale of the unit in each case is fixed on the basis of a confidential return made by the convicted offender, detailing his or her weekly disposable income. This will take account of legitimate commitments, like mortgage repayments or school fees. But if the court suspects that the return is less than frank, it can demand further information, with a maximum penalty of three months' jail for a dishonest return. The maximum fine

that can be imposed in magis-trates' courts is being raised from £2,000 to £5,000. Unit fines have been generally welcomed, though some critics have protested against

To the inhabitants of its

majestic forested valley,

the Narmada river in

central west India is the "Giver

of Bliss". But this year, as its

turbulent monsoon waters flooded up behind the con-

crete curtain of the colossal,

still uncompleted Sardar

Sarovar dam, the Narmada

river had little to give but

At times the fast flowing river surged within feet of

inhabited farmhouses, less

than a mile away from the

dam's construction site. The monsoon has now subsided.

but the reprieve is only tempo-

rary, with the threat to the Bhil

tribespeople of the Narmada valley remaining intact. Their fate will be sealed

today, as the World Bank's board of executive directors

meets with management in

Washington DC to determine

the Narmada valley's future. The World Bank has already committed some \$450 million

(£260 million) to the \$3 billion

package of Sardar Sarovar

projects, ventures which would

almost certainly founder with-

Lewis Preston, the World

Bank's president, is adamant

that he wants to push ahead.

The Narmada river, he said in

a statement released in June.

is one of the country's most

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1.2 gigawatt power station, transmission lines, a 290 mile

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out its continued support.

misery and fear.

the rule that fines on offenders receiving income support can be deducted from income support payments, if they refuse to pay, and because income assment has a ceiling which disregards the full earnings of very wealthy offenders.

The pilot trials of unit fines have been very successful indeed," says Yolanda Burgin, a policy development officer with the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders. "The ceiling on the unit scale has been criticised, but with an open-ended ealthy ottender might be fined a disproportionate amount for a relatively minor offence, such as having

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The act's attempt to entrench parental responsibility on the same unit fine basis has been more coolly received. The new youth courts, to try offenders under 18. will use the powers the juvenile courts aiready had and will be under a duty to require parents' attendance in court, "unless it would be unreasonable to do

Ms Burgin doubts whether courts use of their powers will change much. "I think the vouth courts will behave in their usual extremely responsible way, taking the best inter-ests of the offender and society equally into account," she says. "Parents are already expected to appear in court, and almost

always they do. If not, it is usually either because they have extremely urgent commitments elsewhere, or because the relationships within the family are already very difficult. If they won't attend, it would be extremely counterproductive to send the police to bring them in." Caroline Ball, a lecturer in law at the University of East

Anglia and the editor of The Magistrate, the journal of the Magistrates' Association, is more anxious about the possible effects of the new act. This doctrinaire approach is profoundly unhelpful," she says. "Where these problems arise, these are mostly very fragile families anyway, and you can't force parents to exercise a responsibility if they cannot do so, or do not know how. Anything that adds to the stresses within these families is likely to lead to more homeless

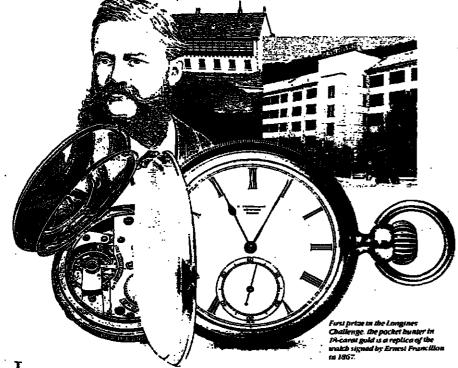
teenagers." Ministers have stressed that they do not envisage the act as laying an absolute liability on parents to bear the consequences of any wrongdoing by their children. They only need to have tried reasonably hard. How hard is reasonable will be for the courts to decide.

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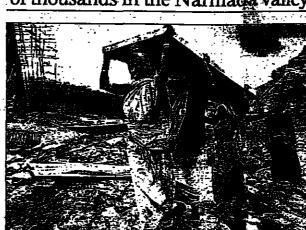


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Pushing ahead: at work on the Sardar Sarovar dam

five million acres of irrigated land in Gujarat. Future plans for the valley involve a further 3,000 small dams, 135 medium-sized dams and 30 big dams.

The Sardar Sarovar projects, Mr Preston said, will raise the living standards of millions of poor people in the region", with the river feeding 20 million people by irrigating farmland, providing drinking water for 30 million people and generating electricity for agriculture and industry, so creating employment for a million people.

This is a situation he intends to rectify with the Sardar Sarovar projects. They include But these are debatable claims. The soils to be irrigatthe dam, due to rise to 535ft, aed tend to be saliferous and prone to waterlogging. No rural or urban water supply plans have been drawn up. A leaked internal bank memo Rajasthan, branch canals and

 benefits of the dam should be downgraded by 30 per cent, and its bydroelectric potential

by 25 per cent — enough to

undermine the projects'

ast year, in response to local and international resistance to the Sardar Sarovar projects the World Bank recruited an indepen-dent team under Brad Morse. former head of the United Nations Development Program, to compile a report in June, after ten months of study, the team advised the bank to "step back from the project and consider it afresh". The report continues: "To

proceed with a project that is known to severely affect the lives of human beings... in near total ignorance of the

worst irresponsible and at best in contradiction to existing bank policy."

It is now 22 years since the World Bank first committed itself to ensure that the projects it finances avoid serious adverse ecological consequences.

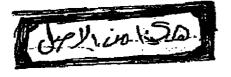
in response to the Morse report, the Bank sent out a further mission of its own in July, resulting in a 17-page memorandum which will be before the executive directors today. Where the Morse report pointed out that "progress will be impossible except as a result of unacceptable means", the Bank management explicitly presses for funding to be

continued. Narmada Bachao Andolan (NBA - the Save Narmada Movement), the leading pressure group in India cam-paigning against the dam, is unequivocal in its rejection of the Bank's memorandum. which its representative Shripad Dharmadhikary des-cribes as "callous, dishonest and completely removed from

reality". The NBA's campaign has already met with considerable success, winning widespread support both in India and internationally. And its actions have forced the Bank to admit that "this year, construction was further constrained by resettlement considerations". or the refusal of the valley's farmers to leave their homes. Even if the World Bank

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Choosing the best is serious business

All MBAs are not equal, Sally Watts

discovers. Where you studied is

as important as what you achieved

ecession or not, a good MBA is an asset in the and consultancy. Accreditation also jobs market. At the end of the latest full-time course at Strathclyde University, 85 per cent of the students found jobs most with higher pay than before. A few doubled their salaries. 'Quality is always in demand,"

says Roger McCormick, director general of the Association of Mas-ters in Business Administration (AMBA), "The market remains strong for an MBA with good personal qualities, motivation - and a degree from a good business

What is a good school? The answer could affect potential students' choice. A good school is one that offers MBA courses accredited by AMBA. The recent proliferation of courses has made accreditation vital to maintenance of standards. Some courses are being affected by the shortage of teaching staff possessing "academic and street credibility". They should be able to teach 30-year-olds who have a first degree and business experience.

depends on curriculum quality, entry standards and contact with peer groups, which allows students to work with other professions. AMBA's new Guide to Business Schools lists nearly 90 courses in Britain. Of these, fewer than 30 are accredited. More schools, both British and European, are applying for accreditation. Ruth Palmer, assistant manager

at the Chartered Institute of Bankers, says: "Employers of MBAs have a pecking order of schools. They are not impressed simply because someone has a qualification — they want to know which school it is from." The institute operates the Lombard Scheme, which began in 1990 and is linked with six business schools. Not all are accredited, for the idea was to have both a geographical mix and a spread of specialisms and teaching styles, including distance learning. "A lot of people take courses with a career change in mind though they want to remain in



Changing times: Professor Murray at Cranfield rates flexibility as essential for a management course

financial services — and because

they're looking for higher manage-ment roles," she says.

When employers look for future top executives, Ms Palmer says. they choose schools such as Cranfield, Harvard, Insead or London. Peter Merry, head of British Telecom's executive development,

says: "We focus on a small number of proven programmes at perhaps half a dozen schools with standards that meet our criteria." Schools used by BT include Henley, Ashridge, Cranfield and London. It also shares with several other leading organisations a full-time consortium MBA at Warwick, and

has links with the Open University and Heriot-Watt University. "But we don't want all our middle managers studying for MBAs, we want to be sure about their career paths," Mr Merry says. "The courses raise students' expectations, so we are concerned about where

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attract top candidates.

Taking an approved course can be difficult for part-timers if there is not one close by. Like distance learners, part-timers have the advantage of being able to relate their courses directly to their jobs. But they must cope with a hefty learning programme so travelling distance is important.

Distance learning is an option although no such courses have been accredited because one criterion for approval is experience with peer groups. The Open Business School, from which a first batch of MBAs will graduate this year, has an excellent reputation but is, as yet, unaccredited. An expert on MBA programmes advises: "A good, high-flying distance learning course is preferable to second best

close to home." The AMBA is reviewing its policy on distance learning. (Open learning courses are already ac-

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credited if they allow peer contact.) Professor Leo Murray, director of Cranfield School of Management. where the MBA 2000 project involves constant updating to match requirements, says: "Universities are notoriously resistant to change. But in the real world subjects can move quickly, so we have to be flexible, looking at the market and at corporate and individual needs."

ot all employers, howev-er, value MBAs highly. Andrew Mayo, person-nel director for the computer firm ICL, says: "The qualification is not especially practical for us, as it is remote from the day-to-day job. But it is a useful personal background, and if employees want to do it, we will support them."

Prospective students can attend AMBA's reception on October 12, at the Institute of Directors in Pall Mall, central London, when 80 British, European and American schools will be represented. Stu-dents will be able to discuss the Business School loan scheme for approved courses. Free tickets are obtainable from AMBA.

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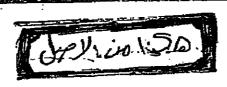
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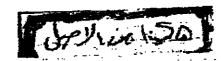
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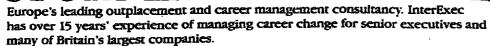
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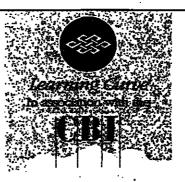
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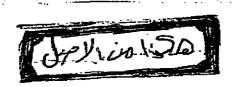
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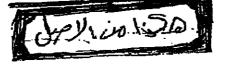
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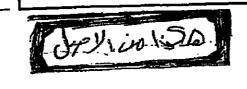
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Oxfordshire County Council. where Dr Simpson is personnel officer, has many practices under the heading of flexible working.
Organisations keen for the latest human resources catchphrase are labelling their employee benefits "family-friendly", but are they just the old policies writ new?

Jim Hillage, the author of a report on family-friendly working The Street and I from the Institute of Manpower 2 24. 24.5 Studies, defines the practice as "arranging work to make it more compatible with domestic or other responsibilities". He says: "Familyfriendly working practices are rarely a radical attempt to re-examine the way in which work is done. The same Frequently they are an attempt to repackage and repromote existing 3 1.7 property working practices that suit employ-

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ers under an appealing title." Oxfordshire council, whose flexiplace scheme has just won the Society of Chief Personnel Officers' award for local government innovation, can claim to be pioneering one way of working. Flexiplace, Dr Simpson explains, extends the teleworking concept, which is usually for staff working independently, often on information technology-based projects. The Oxfordshire scheme shows that people working within a group do not have to be exclusively office-based.

Debby Dent, a manager in the trading standards department, who has a team of 11, divides her working day between the office and home, where she has a business line and a fax machine. Mrs Dent's children attend a kindergarten run by her husband's employer.

Men, as well as women, can benefit from family-friendly policies. Maternity leave has become,



in a few cases, parental leave. Many of the provisions that were offered in the 1980s as benefits for women - child care, career breaks, flexiworking - are now under the family banner, though working fathers are still slow at taking them up. Attitudes sometimes take longer to change than policies, as Mark Jarman discovered.

Mr Jarman, a senior transport planner with the council, changed to working part-time and at home. when his wife decided to return to her job after the birth of their son. Mr Jarman says: "I felt uncomfortable with colleagues because it is . still unusual for people in this department to work from home." -Family-friendly policies are not

confined to parents, says Lucy Daniels, the director of the Working Mothers Association, which gives an annual award to employers who have proved themselves sympathetic to family needs. "Most people during their working life

will have some sort of commitment to looking after others." Mrs Daniels says. "For those without children it may be caring for an aging parent, or helping a relative. When a company emphasises policies that benefit only staff with young children it runs the risk of alienating

employees who do not come into that category." In 1991 TSB extended the career break. 'One person may scheme, which falls into its, "family-friendly employee benefits' clude the care of elderly, sick or dis-

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and homeworking arrangements working says that the initiative for for professional staff who have been such practices in UK companies usually comes from management, not employees. Marion Kozak, the unable to relocate from London to the company's new headquarters in director of The Daycare Trust, "We appreciate that the whole finds that in European countries, family is affected which have more advanced workby relocation," family policies, the most successful says Hugh Feldon, initiatives come from employees National Power's and unions. pay and benefits A study by the trust of 25

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Dr Simpson says discovering needs is important. "There is this belief that everybody wants jobsharing or nursery care," she says. "but one person may want the ability to work at home when a child is ill, while another needs

LIFE AFTER REDUNDANCY

Act and doors start to open

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interviews.

A longer nous we sugar. that it did ten years ago. Nevertheless, there is no doubt that a long time without work does nothing to recommend an applicant. How long is it acceptable to be looking for work, and what excuses are acceptable for filling the gap between perma-

nent jobs? There is no straightforward answer. A lot depends on the individual foibles of the recruiter. Most good people will find something within three to six months, unless they are in a specialist field such as information technology, according to one personnel director. His thinking is col-oured by the fact

that all those he has had to make redundant have been re-employed largely to his company's forward-thinking policy of career

cause for "Clients don't embarrassment' want other peo-ple's castoffs,"

Philip Vignoles of P.M. Vignoles Associates, a resourcing and executive search company. Juliana Edwards of Head First, one of the new breed of research companies working direct with clients, says: "As the recession continues, employers are becoming more and more risk averse." She thinks people should aim to become re-employed in six months to a year. Serious travel, she says, is a

convincing excuse. Taking time off to do an MBA is less impressive. Illness, says Ms Edwards, can work very negatively as a reason unemployment.

The longer a person is out of work and apparently inactive, the worse it looks, says Charles Russam, of GMS Consultants, an interim executive agency. You don't often get people coming up with something really meaty — writing a book, working for a charity.

Andy Andrew, of the outplace-ment consultants KPMG,

period of redundancy no longer holds the stigma portant. Time on the job market itself is not a factor, but depression comes over at interviews. Inactivity is a cause for embarrassment but a positive decision to spend six months trying to set up one's own business shows that an applicant is focused, good at market-

ing himself."
But the decision to go it alone can have disadvantages. Mr Vignoles gives a cautionary example. He presented a wellqualified candidate who had been out of employment for six months, and had in the mean-time gone successfully freelance. "At interview", he recalls, "he

showed a confident and analytical approach to the project, together with a decomes over at gree of independwhich clearly disconcerted the other Inactivity is a board members and which had possibly been increased by his six

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ing. He was not appointed." Mr Vignoles gives a second example of a candidate for a marketing director position who had been out of employment for a year during which time he had started a niche product company. At interview, "he was asked why he was abandoning the project but not about his efforts in the job market. His explanations were accepted without further questioning. He was appointed."

Mr Vignoles comments that had the project lasted for two years, there would have been a stronger need to prove a substantial degree of achievement. Any activity which reduces the recruiter's risk and increases confidence will help to mitigate the effects of longer term periods spent job hunting.

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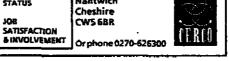
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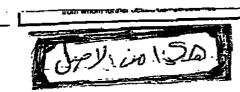
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The success of a small pharmaceutical company with a fresh philosophy on drug development is giving the industry much to think about, Nigel Hawkes reports

would say it is impossible, but Scotia Pharmaceuticals is determined to prove them wrong. By successfully bridging the gap be-tween the muck and magic of herbal medicine and the sophistication of the big drug houses. Scotia is beginning to attract serious

David Horrobin, its chief executive, would be the first to admit that it is a minnow compared with Glaxo or Wellcome, but at least it is a minnow that has proved it can swim. So far in its 13-year life it has spent some £30 million on research, three quarters generated from its own profits. Its range of drugs, based on the observations of dinicians rather than the roulette wheel of synthetic chemistry, are beginning to achieve real success.

Magdalen College, Oxford, was Profes-sor of Medicine at the University of Montreal. He was studying the hormone prolactin. lactation and regulates the production in the body of a be as big substance called prostaglandin EI. Although shortas Glaxo prostaglandin El appears to

be responsible for a wide range of desirable effects, including lowering blood pressure, decreasing inflammation and reducing the production of cholesterol.

Unfortunately, it cannot itself be used as a medicine because it is quickly broken down instead Dr Horrobin identified a precursor chemical, gamma-linolenic acid (GLA), and found that it occurred naturally in the seed of the evening primrose. In the body GLA is converted into prostaglandin E1.

What followed was, he admits, a happy accident. A librarian at the university had a son who suffered from eczema which nothing would cure. "I said to her I had no idea

ow does a small company set out to challenge the pharmaceutical giants? Many

Dr Horrobin was convinced that GLA could form the basis of a range of pharmaceutical products. but to prove it would involve years of research and development. When he tried to interest investors in the late 1970s, he was told that it was totally unrealistic for a small company to try to compete with the leading pharmaceutical houses. To raise money, he decided to market oil of evening primrose as a dietary supplement, and plough back the profits into the research.

Today the backbone of the company remains oil of evening primrose, which is sold in more than 40 countries. The profits have provided about three quarters of Scotia's research spending. This has en-abled the company to bootstrap its way into a position to launch other it all began when Dr Horrobin, a drugs, a very different route from

that taken by many biotechnology com-panies, launched Twenty years on a wave of 1980s stock market hype and saddled with from now expectations they have found it hard we would to satisfy. like to

> Germany, where it has been sold longest, it is the best-selling drug for atopic eczema. The market is substantial, with about a million people in the UK suffering at any one time, and Epogam sales are

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rising rapidly.

A clinical observation among patients suffering from manic depression led to a second product, for the treatment of a common skin disease, seborrhoeic dermatitis. A number of clinicians had noticed that lithium, used to treat manic depressives, also cures many skin infections. Most spa waters famous for their effects on skin are rich in lithium. Scotia now manufactures a lithium-based ointment, called Efalith, to take advantage of the whether it would work, but I gave finding. Dr Horrobin believes that



Tina Strange, assistant research manager at Scotia's centre in Writtle. Essex, working on a borage plant breeding programme

many more lithium-based drugs will be discovered. "We're looking at a whole range of compounds, and there is evidence that lithium can be effective both against fungal and viral infections. We are also investigating ways of making drugs more effective by tagging on fatty acids so that they become soluble in fat. At present, most drugs are soluble in water, which means they cannot penetrate to many parts of the body, including the brain and the kidneys."

As an example, he says that the existing anti-viral drug Acyclovir has been tagged with a fatty acid to make it effective against herpes infections. Herpes lives in the nerves, to which Acyclovir cannot penetrate. The modified version can. So far, it has been tested only in the laboratory.

The next step for oil of evening primrose is likely to be a drug to treat the nerve damage which is a common and severe complication of diabetes. Work in Argentina in the 1960s suggested that the damage results from a failure by such patients to convert linoleic

acid into GLA and a clinical study in Glasgow in the 1980s demonstrated that GLA could reverse the nerve damage. An application for a licence to market a product has been submitted, and Dr Horrobin hopes for approval within two years. "This is a big market, with no effective drugs available." he says. We believe our drug is much less likely to run into long-term toxicity problems than others because it is based on a natural product."

Twenty years from now, Dr Horrobin says, "we'd like to be as big as Glaxo" but for now Scotia is a small fish in a pond full of sharks. A private company supported by a group of investors, it employs 170 people, a third of them in Canada where the basic research laboratories are, and the rest in Britain.

"We work by looking at clinical observations and saying, that's interesting, how do we identify the compounds responsible and get them out? The big drug companies thought until a few years ago this is not the way to develop drugs - now that they see we can, they're beginning to get interested."



Dr Horrobin: nurtured company from small beginnings

Microwave your wash

Forget the old jokes about drying your socks in the microwave: soon it could be

The US Electric Power Research Institute in Palo Alto. California, has recently completed a prototype microwave dryer which will go on field trials next year. The hope is that the dryer will be gentler on clothes and cheaper to run than existing models which blow hot air through the clothes (Nigel Hawkes writes).

says Dr John Kesselring, senior project manager at EPRI. "When you heat something in a microwave oven. you are heating the water molecules in the food. The microwave drying process is

Clothes are placed in a polypropylene drum which rotates in much the same way as a conventional clothes dryer. Magnetrons at the bottom produce microwaves molecules in the clothes to vibrate so rapidly that they evaporate before the clothes are even warm. Then a current of unheated air carries

Temperatures inside the prototype dryer generally do not exceed 110°F, substan-tially cooler than conventional dryers which heat the air to as much as 350°F. The lower temperatures mean that there is less shrinkage and wear, and some delicate fabrics that might normally need dry cleaning can be laundered at home. Energy costs should be 20 per cent less than ordinary

There is a snag, Small, thin metal objects can heat up and scorch clothes. Coins, buttons and zips present no problems. but very thin objects like hair grips can overheat. The scien-tists at EPRI hope to solve this problem before field testing begins. A commercial unit could be on the market in as

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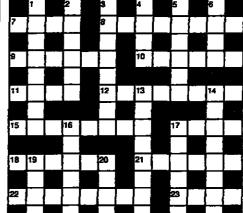
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9.30 Labour: Party: Conference: 92. Today's proceedings include debates on reform of the electoral system and modernising the machinery of government (58913)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (6498951) 10.05 Playdays. For the very young (s) (2455772) 10.25 Jimbo and the Jet Set. Cartoon (r) (9743028)
10.35 Labour: Party: Conference: 92. Further live coverage from Blackpool, includes News (Ceefax) and weather at 11.00 and 12.00 (22554807) 12.55 Regional News and weather (53128352)

1.00 One O'Clock News. (Ceefax) Weather (12284) 1.00 One O'Clock News, (Ceerax) Weather (12284)
 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (80335739)
 1.50 Going for Gold. General knowledge quiz with European contestants. The question-master is Henry Kelly (80339555)
 2.15 Film: Trottie True (1949) staming Jean Kent and Bill Owen. Thin

period comedy about the life and loves of a music hall entertainer.
Directed by Brian Desmond Hurst (903791)
3.50 Puppy Dog Tales. Animated adventures (2828933) 3.55 Noddy. Animation (s) (6100130) 4.10 Star Pets. Peter Simon continues his search for the Star Pet of 1992 (s) (7036420) 4.20 Get Your Own Back. Game show (s) (2175555) 4.35 Uncle lack and the Dark Side of the Moon. Episode one of a new six-part children's drama

starring Paul Jones. (Ceefax) (s) (7851265) 5.00 Newsround (8886517) 5.05 Blue Peter. Today's guest is Stephen Venables, the first Briton to dimb Mount Everest without oxygen. (Ceefax) (s) (4902333) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (213081). Northern Ireland: Inside

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Oracle)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (62). Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Top of the Pops (s) (1333)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (46)

8.00 As Time Goes By. Bob Larbey's romantic comedy starring Judi Dench and Geoffrey Palmer as a couple who meet 38 years after being separated by a trick of fate (r) (Ceefax) (s) (3951) 8.30 Waiting For God. Graham Crowden and Stephanie Cole star as

the genatric delinquents making waves in an old people's home. (Ceefax) (s) (6888\ 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news

and weather (3772) 9.30 Crimewatch File: Without Consent.

© CHOICE: Another reconstructed case in which television publicity helped to provide the police breakthrough concerns the rape of two young women in north London. As well as patting itself on the back. Crimewatch pays tribute to a law report in The Times for suggesting the means to a successful prosecution. The programme's third bouquet goes to Hertfordshire police for its sensitive handling of investigations of sexual offences. Certainly the detectives (played, as usual, by themselves) are impeccably polite and not just to the victims. Perhaps fictional police series have been getting it wrong. You cannot imagine, say, DI Burnside from The Bill extending the same courtesy to a suspected rapist as the Hertfordshire team does here. (Ceefax) (s) (521772)

10.20 One Foot in the Grave. Richard Wilson and Annette Crosbie star in David Renwich's Bafta-award winning comedy series about an early-retired pessimist and his long-suffering wife. In this episode she tries to cheer him up with a book from the library entitled Coping with Old Age (r). (Ceefax) (693130)



Labour party's deputy leader: Margaret Beckett (10.50pm)

10.50 Question Time from the Labour party conference in Blackpool, with Peter Sissons in the chair. The panel is Arthur Scargill and MPs Michael Portillo, Margaret Beckett and Malcolm Bruce (575888). Northern Ireland: Spotlight 11.20-12.20am Question Time

11.50 Law and Order. American crime series (r) (797468) 12.40am Weather (6542463). Ends at 12.45 2.15 BBC Select: Accountancy Television (900181). Ends at 3.15 BBC2

6.45 Open University: In Search for the W and Z (7648401). Ends at

8.00 Breakfast News (4688081)

8.15 Arthur Negus Enjoys. Arthur Negus visits the opulant Georgian dining room of Berkeley Castle, Gloucestershire (r) (4678604) 8.30 Play Better Golf. Advice from Peter Alliss (62884) 9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational Programmes 2.00 News and weather (51352420) followed by You and Me (r) 23.461730)

(r)(32461739) 2.15 Labour Party Conference 92. Conference debates international affairs and development. Presented by Donald MacCormick, Vivian White and Jain MacWhirter. Includes News (Ceefax) and weather at 3.00 and 3.50 (84250197)

5.30 News from Every Angle. A behind-the-scenes look at the work of the BBC's news and current affairs departments, narrated by Nicholas Witchell (r) (9)

6.00 Film: Carry On Up the Khyber (1968) starring Sidney James, Kenneth Williams, Charles Hawrey and Roy Castle. One of the better offerings from the Carry On team concerns the Khasi of Kalabar (Williams) who threatens to throw out the British after his Burpa tribesmen lose their fear of what the Highland regiment, the Third Foot and Mouth, keep under their kilts. Directed by Gerald

Thomas. (Ceefax) (89569)
7.30 Ps and Qs. Quiz on etiquette and manners. The question-master is Tony Slattery and the team captains, Jonathan Meades and Lesley Joseph, are joined by journalists and barristers. (Ceefax) (88)



A la carte: Mireille Johnston on French cuisine (8.00pm)

8.00 A Cook's Tour of France.

• CHOICE: Those who have been following Kerth Floyd's Spanish safari may find this latest culinary series a shade tame but that, like the dishes featured, will be a marter of taste. In contrast to Floyd's flamboyance Mireille Johnston, a cookery writer from Paris, plays it straight. Showbusiness is eschewed for a quieter form of enthusiasm. For once the cuisine is an important as the presenter. As the title implies, this is a region by region treatment, often as much a travelogue as a lesson from the kitchen. Instead of Floyd's penchant for big set pieces, Johnston jumps from one item to another, linked only by their common geography. Tonight's menu includes oysters in Marennes, a seafood platter in La Rochelle and frogs' legs on the banks of the Loire. (Ceefax) (s) (8623) 8.30 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson test drives the new Toyota Corolla, the

world's best selling car (s) (7130) 9.00 Bottom. The first of a new series of the black and basic comedy series starring Adrian Edmondson and Rik Mayall as sexually. deprived flat sharers. With Lisa Maxwell, Kelly Hunter and Helen

Lederer (Ceefax) (s) (4642) 9.30 Present Imperfect: Trust. CHOICE: A west London hospital's move towards becoming a self-governing trust is charted through four of the personalities involved, all of them women Rosie Faunch is the hospital's energetic general manager, ostensibly a neutral civil servant but in fact an unashamed supporter of the trust idea. She is so committed that she is prepared to take to the streets and hand out leaflets. Leading the opposition is Barbara McClean, a young Cohse shop steward. Her counter-action involves protest marches and a petition to Downing Street. Showing varying degrees of enthusiasm in between are an outspoken consultant, Peta Longstaff, and an emollient nurse, Jane O'Connor. Marilyn Gaunt's revealing film gives a human dimension to a debate that is too often left to the politicians (s) (27159)

10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (734604) 11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (444739) Weather (523555)

12.00 Open University: Absurd Stars — the Physics of White Dwarfs (58376). Ends at 12.30am 3.00 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (97208). Ends at 4.00

6.00 TV-am (6394130) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw. Celebrity game show hosted by Danny Baker

(1313449) 9.55 Thames News (7920739) 10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion series (8979265)

10.40 This Morning. Magazine series (4893468)
12.10 The Riddlers. Children's puppet series (7467772)
12.30 Lunchtime News with Sonia Ruseler and Nicholas Owen. (Oracle)
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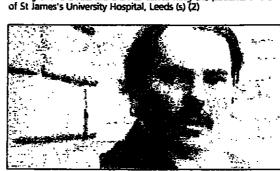
(420333) 2.15 TV Weekly. Anne Diamond takes her regular behind-the-scene look at popular ITV and Channel 4 programmes and Barry Took delves into the archives (445642) 2.45 Take the High Road.

Drama serial set in the Highlands (6929604)

3.10 ITN News headlines (8728739) 3.15 Thames News headlines (8710710) 3.20 G.P. The first of a yet another medical soap from Australia, set in and around a doctor's surgery, starring Michael

Craig (4310975)
3.50 The Ratties. Animation (r) (4523361) 3.55 Captain Zed and the Zee Zone (r) (6462420) 4.20 Rolf's Cartoon Club. Rolf Harris talks

Zee Zone (r) (6462420) 4.20 Rolf's Carboon Club. Rolf Harris talks to Gimme 5's Jenny Powell about her favourite carbons (4443005) 4.50 Art Attack presented by Neil Buchanan (4536401) 5.10 Who's the Boss? American comedy series (4996772) 5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (468604) 5.55 Thames Help (r) (781333) 6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (78) 6.30 Thames News (30) 7.00 Emmerdale. Soap set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle) (6401) 7.30 Jimmy's. More real-life dramas concerning the patients and staff of St James's University Hospital. Leeds (s) (7)



Cops and robbers: Kevin Lloyd visits a prisoner (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill: Tip Off. Tosh Lines (Kevin Lloyd) and DC Wood are called to a prison to see Keith Grounds, a burglar Lines arrested three years before. Grounds wants to trade information on a planned robbery for a move to a prison nearer his wife. (Orade) (2449) 8.30 This Week: Are You Living on a Toxic Time Bomb? Thousands

of unsuspecting home-owners are about to discover that their houses are built on land potentially contaminated with lethal chemicals. The government wants to draw up a register of contaminated land, requiring local authorities to carry out surveys and if the site is to be redeveloped it would have to be cleaned up at a cost of £100,000 an acre. This Week investigates the implications of this government initiative which could seriously

handicap the urban renewal of Britain. (Oracle) (4284)

9.00 Taggart: The Hit Man. The concluding episode of the murder mystery, starring Mark McManus as the uncompromising Glasgow detective and James MacPherson as his assistant. (Oracle) (7081) 10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Stewart and Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle) Weather (12325) 10.30 Thames News (328642)

10.40 01. A guide to London and the south-east's entertainments scene 11.15 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Australian women-behind-bars drama

serial (276265) 12.10am Science Fiction: Hair Soup. Drama series based on real-life situations in the world of science. Tonight David Suchet plays an asthma sufferer and dyslexic who used himself as a guinea pig to

find a drug that could prevent asthma attacks (1177173) 12.40 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Twisted Sisters. A tale with a twist introduced by the master of suspense (2347173) 1.05 Film: Raw Courage (1984) starring Ronny Cox and Lois Childs. Thriller about three athletes on a cross country run in New Mexico during which they are attacked by a group of right wing survivalists.

Directed by Robert L. Rosen (962734)

2.45 The Twilight Zone: The Card. A tale of the supernatural (r)

3.10 Hardball. American police drama series (r) (7430260)

4.00 Motorsport Special from Silverstone and Donington Park (37005) 4.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (54111) 5.00 Videofashion (r) (24482)

5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (46531). Ends at 6.00

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6.00 Cartoons (68265) 7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin

9.00 You Bet Your Life. American quiz game show hosted by Ball Cosby

(s) (13352) 9.30 Schools (389710) 12.00 Flight Over Spain. Alicante from the air (r). (Teletext) (62848)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series. The guests are baseball star
Bill Invin and actress Blair Brown (r) (49420)

1.30 Take 5. For the young (44710)
2.00 Check Out 92. Are Britain's beer drinkers getting a fair deal from

the brewers? (r) (s) (65578523) 2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Live coverage of the 2.35, 3.05, 3.40 and 4.10 races, introduced by Brough Scott (83882888) 4.30 Fifteen to One. Fast-moving general knowledge knock-out quiz

5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guest is actor Patrick Swavze 5.55 The Bunbury Tails. Animated adventures of a gang of sporting

6.00 My Two Dads. American comedy senes (r). (Teletext) (s) (20)



Playing the latest video games: Dominik Diamond (6.30pm)

6.30 Gamesmaster. The first of a new series of the video game show presented by Dominik Diamond (72)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Zeinab Badawi in the studio and Jon Snow at the Labour party conference in Blackpool. (Teletext) Weather

(6739) 8.00 Down To Earth. Archaeological magazine presented by Catherine Hills. Includes an item on the discovery of Indian images on a cauldron thought to be Celtic (3791)

8.30 Rising Damp. Rigsby surprises his regular lodgers by taking pity on a depressed new tenant. Starring Leonard Rossiter (r). (Teletext)

9.00 Critical Eye: Free Kuwait.

CHOICE: The title is ambiguous. Kuwait may be free in the sense that Storming Norman and his men liberated it from the evil Saddam Hussein. But the film argues that freedom is far from the experience of many thousands of people who live in Kuwait. They include more than 2,000 Asian women working as domestic servants who have fled their homes because of physical abuse by their employers. There are the Palestinians, 400,000 strong before the Gulf war, now down to 30,000 as a result of mass expulsions. The Bidoons have lived in country the for generations and were the backbone of the Kuwaiti army. Now the Emir wants them out. Finally the film looks at Kuwaiti women, denied the vote and generally regarded as second-class citizens. If the programme's affegations of human rights abuse are anywhere near the mark, the liberation of Kuwait has a very hollow ring. (Teletext) (5623)

10.00 Film: The Water Engine (1992) starring William H. Macy as a man whose invention of an engine that runs on water puts him and his blind sister in danger from an unscrupulous lawyer in 1930s Chicago. With Patti LuPone, Joe Mantegna and Martin Sheen. Directed by Steven Schachter (991265)

 11.40 Set of Six. Comedy series starring Rowland Rivron (r) (s) (101197)
 12.10am Film: The Mob (1951, b/w) starring Broderick Crawford. Gangster thriller about a policeman who goes undercover in order to break up hoodlums controlling the docks. Directed by Robert Parrish (1820463), Ends at 1.40

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10.00 Batman (1966): Adam West stars as SKY SPORTS

lights to save her grandmother (76587)
4.00 Submarine X-1 (1968): James Caan heads a second world war rad (5609371)
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8.00 In Gold We Trust (1990): Jan-Michael Virgent sauches (or trassum (1833)) Vincent searches for treasure (18333) 10.00 A Nightmare on Elm Street (1984): 10.00 A Nightmare on Elm Street (1984): Freddy Krueger (Robert Englund) enters the dreams of sleeping teenagers (890062) 11.35 Night of the Living Dead (1968). Zombies lay seep to a farmhouse (127913) 1.15am Mindfield (1990): A pokerman undergoes shock treatment (444685) 2.45 The Attic (1986). A gri searches for her missing (ather 1962666) 4.20 Piranha Women (1988): An anthropologist discovers a secret jungle tribe (2710647). Each at 18

ers a secret jungle (2710647) Ends at 5.50 SKY MOVIES GOLD

 Via the Astra satellite
 6.00pm Rocky II (1979): Sylvester Stalione steps back into the ring (44492)
 8.00 Red Dawn (1984): Teenagers counter Soviet invasion (12197) 10.00 Body Heat (1981): Fathleen Turner asks William Hurt to murder her husband Richard Crenna (742826). Ends at 11.50

THE MOVIE CHANNEL Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites 6.15am Anastasia (1956): Ingrid Bergman dams to be the Isan's daughter (856710) 8.15 Vincent and Me (1990): A get's drawings are sold as Van Gogh onginals (937888) 10.15 Cheaper by the Dozen (1950): Comedy about 12 children (75145791)

12.00 The Yellow Rolls-Royce (1364).

2.15pm Buffalo Bill (1944) Fictional account of the life of William Cody (215176) 4.15 Vincent and Me (as 815am)

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LIFESTYLE

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RADIO 1. FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Bruno Brooker FM only with The Early Breakfast Show 6.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Jakis Brambles 3.00 Steve Vinght in the Aftermoon 6.00 Mark Goodier's Mega Hits 6.30 News 92 7.00 Mark Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 Michael Jackson Live

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 4.00am Alex Lester: The Early Show 6.15 Paise for Thought 6.30 Bhan Hayes Good Morning UKI 9.15 Paise for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Brinny roung 2.00pm Gloral Humiford 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The News Huddines 7.30 Wally Whyton 9.00 Poul Jones 10.00 Hole Plant 10.30 The Tamesons 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.25-4.00 Steve Madden with Night Pide News and Control Could be been used 3.00 for the property of the bour could 2.00 for the property of the pour could 2.00 for the pour co

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6.00am Rick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00
Susannan Gimens with music and conversation
2.00pm Lynchtime Concerto: Humshell (Trumpet Concerto), Mozart (Symphony No 403.00 Petros Trelawney 6.00 Classic Reports with
Margaret Howard 7.00 Classic Travel Guide 8.00 Classic RA Concert: French Nabonal
Orthesba under Lorin Maazel performs Saint-Saêns (Cello Concerto: Yo Yo Ma); Dukas (The
Sorcerer's Apprentice) 10.00 Adrian Love 1.00-6.00am Pobert Booth

VARIATIONS

As London except: 3.20pm-3.50 The Young Doctors (4310975) 6.25-7.00 Angla News (251333) 10.40 A Little Pecc of Heaven (712791) 11.10 WideAngle (789739) 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (883604) 12.35-1.05 Hodson Confidential (4030752) BORDER

As London except: 2.45pm-3.10 High Days and Holidays (6929604) 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (4310975) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4996772) 6.00 Lookaround Thursday (79) 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters (30) 10.40 Scotland's Larder (7)2791) 11.10
Phsoner: Cell Block H (277994) 12.05 Night Heat (1564622) 1.00 America's Top Ten (40918) 1.30 Film, Blind Justice (487753) 3.15 Videolashion (40937) 3.45 Shady Tales (93955173) 3.55-5.30 Film: Subway in the Sky* (914208)

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(6557395) 1.35 Video View (5551956) 2.35 Amenca's Top Ten (6852043) 3.05 CinemAttractions (96283043) 3.35 Coach (44646463) 4.05 Raw Power (8468314) 5.00-5.30 Central Jobfinder '92 (24482) GRANADA

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HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six 7.30-8.00 Hay Days 10.40 Nature Watch 11.10-11.40 Science Fiction TSW As London except: 3.18-3.50 The Young Doctors (441826) 5.10-5.40 The Munsters Today (4996772) 6.00 TSW Today (153536) 6.30-7.00 Home and Away (30) 10.40 Soap (712791) 11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H (277994) 12.05 Night Heat (1564622) 1.00

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Time (420333) 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (4310975) 5.10-5.40 Horne and Away
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Earthmovers (30) 10.40 Married...with
Children (712791) 11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block
H (27794) 12.05 Night Heat (1564622)
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Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (31997) 9.00 You Bet Your Life (13352) 9.30 Ysogolion (389710) 12.00 Get Smart (52848) 12.30 News (67277468) 12.35 Slot (62848) 12.30 News (67277468) 12.35 Slot Meithrin (8296352) 1.00 Countdown (31474) 1.30 Profiles of Nature (93863881) 1.55 Great Russian Writers (93848772) 2.25 Channel 4 Raong (874555) 4.25 Stot 23 (4561130) 5.00 The Wonder Years (4807) 5.30 Happy Days (97) 6.00 News (413420) 6.10 Heno (928212) 7.00 Pobol Y Clwm (7371) 7.30 O'r Grand (93265) 8.30 News (539772) 8.55 Taro 9 (549159) 9.25 Rang Damp (306807) 9.55 Fifth Paris By Night (Charlotte Rampling, Michael Gambon) (33349) 11.50 Mojo Working (191710) 12.20am Evening Shade (6308531) 12.45 The Steve Allen Show with Abbott and Costelio (21802) 1.15 Close

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RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air: Andrew McGregor
with music, news, weather with music, news, weather and arts stones
9.00 Composers of the Week:
The Mendelssohns — Fanny and Felic, London and Berlin Society. Felix Mendelssohn (Overture, Die schöne Melusine: ISO under Abbado); Fanny Mendelssohn (Oratono on scenes from the Bible — extracts: Chorus and Orchestra

extracts: Chorus and Orchestra of the Kölner Kurrende under Elke Mascha Blankenburg); Felix Mendelssohn (Lied ohne Worte in E. Op 30 No 3: Daniel Barenboim, piano); Fanny Mendelssohn (Lied für das Pianoforte, Op 8 No 2: Françoise Tiliard); Feli Mendelssohn (Piano Concerto

No 2 in D minor. Andras Schiff; Bavarian RSO under Charles Dutoit)

10.00 Morning Sequence: Schubert
(Overture, Des Teufels
Lutschloss), Schubert (Introduction and Variations on Trock 'ne Blumen); Hahn (Le Bal de Béatrice d'Este;
Variators on a theme of
Mozart): Taffanel (Allegretto
grazoso, Allegretto
scherzando); Debussy, arr
Londex (Synnx); Richard
Rodney Bennett (Concerto for
alto sauophone and strings);
Prokofiev (Sonata in D. Op
941; Prokofiev (Ballet, Romeo
and Juliet — excerpts)

12.00 Beethoven and Bartok
Quartets (11.00pm News (Le Bal de Béatrice d'Est Variations on a theme o

Quartets (r) 1.00pm News 1.05 Rossini — The Forgotten Romantic The third of four Romantic: The third of four programmes marking Rossini's bicentenary. Ambrosian Opera Chorus; Philharmonia Orchestra under Claudio Scimone perform the Iwo-act opera Maometta II, composed for Naples m 1820 With Samuel Ramey, bass, June Anderson, soprano, Marganta Zimmermann, mezzo, and

Anderson, soprano, Margania Zimmermann, mezzo, and Ernesto Palacio, tenor 4.20 Kenneth Leighton, piano, plays Haydn (Pano Sonata in D, H XVI 19, Divertimento); Leighton (Four Romantic Pieces) (r) 5.00 in Tune: Michael Oliver 5.00 in Tune: Michael Olive interviews the violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter 8.00 BBC Philharmonic From the Victoria Hall, Hanley, Yan Pascal Tortelier conducts

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Berlioz (Le Carnaval romain); Ravel (Pavane pour une infante défunte): Mendelssohr (Violin Concerto in E minor: Alexander Markov). 8.50 Colette and Music. First of a Colette and Music. First of a four-part series on French musical life. 9.10 Strawnsky (Ballet, The Rite of Spring)
9.55 Unverton: Adam Thorpe reads the second half of "Return 1650", the opening chapter of his novel Unverton.
10.15 Pop Goes the Jazz Star

© CHOICE: More than one Louis Amstrong fan. suddenly

Louis Armstrong fan, suddenly faced with his unashamedly commercial recording of "What a Wonderful World" in which not a trumpet note is heard, must have concluded that the legendary jazz improviser had sold his soul to the devil Mel Hill, in the first of four programmes about celebrated jazz artists who have strayed into other fields, also ponders the Satchmo

does printed the sational diversion tonight, but is much less censorious about "Wonderful World" than he is about Satchmo's making a fool of himself in his 1933 fool of himself in his 1933
recording of "Laughing Lous"
and his downing around 23
years later in "Mama, it's Cold
Outside" (r)
10.45 Night Waves: Includes a
review of the first night of
Tony Harrison's play Square
Rounds at the National
Theatre: and Margaret Busby

Rounds at the National
Theatre; and Margaret Busby
talking about her book,
Daughters of Africa

11.30 Wolf's Goethe Lieder: The
first of three programmes.
Gordon Stewart presents the
51 settings of Goethe texts
composed by Hugo Wolf in
1888 and 1889. Fehcity Lott,
soprano, Olaf Bär, Thomas
Hampson and Andreas
Schmidt, baritones, Geoffrey
Parsons, pano, perform Wer
sich der Emsamkeit ergibt, Der
Sänger; Wer nie sein Brot;
Kennst du das Land?;
Spottlied; Nur wer die
Sehnsucht kennt; Philline; An
die Turen; Heiss mich nich
reden; So lasst, mich scheinen;

Gie Turen; Hess mich nich reden; So lasst mich scheinen; Cophtisches Lied I; Cophtisches Lied II; Epiphanias 12.30am News 12.35 Close 1.00-2.00 Night School (except in Scotland; as Radio 5 at 9am) 2.30-3.00 Night School Extra

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Breting, incl 6.03
Weather 6.10 Farming Today
6.25 Prayer for the Day with
Father Philip Stere 6.30 Today,
incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00,
8.30 News 6.57, 7.55
Weather 7.45 Thought for the
Day 8.43 The Queen and I, by
Sue Townsend, Read by
Miriam Margolyes (4/8) (s)
8.58 Weather
9 News
1 Face the Townsend

9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts: John Waite

9.05 Face the Facts: John Waite investigates (r)
9.30 Opinion: Linda Whetstone, farmer and economist, argues that the Common Agricultural Policy should be abandoned and unprofitable farmers allowed to go to the wall
10.00-10.30am News; Rat Race (FM only): Second of a fourpart adaptation by Martyn Read of Dick Francis's novel. With Hywel Bennett as Matt Shore (s) (r)

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Shore (\$) (*)
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Pilgrim's Progress (LW only), by John Bunyan (24/25)
10.30 Woman's Hour discusses the future of the Labour party; and advises on school fees insurance. Incl 11.00 News
11.30 From Our Own
Correspondent

Correspondent 12.00 You and Yours, with John Howard

12.25pm Trivia Test Match: Brian Johnston umpires another test of wit and general knowledge from Flitwick cricket dub in Bedford. William Franklyn and Paul Merton join team captains Tim Rice and Willie Rushton (s) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie

1.40 The Archers (s) (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

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Arnold) tracks her runaway teenage son and his 16-year-old girlfriend (s)

3.00 Looking for Chartie: Dr
Josephine Candy returns to
Kuwait, her horne of 30 years, to start a new life and to find her messing parrot, Charlie (r)

3.40 Poetry Please! Simon Rae introduces a selection of

poetry requests, with guest Charles Causley. The readers are Stephen Thome and Sally Cookson (s)

4.00 News

4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews
Mowgli, L'Enfant-Loup at the
Haymarket, a French theatre
version of Kipling's The Jungle
Book, William Vollman's
Fathers and Crows, the second
book in his trilogy on FrenchCanadian history, and Michael
Coveney's biography of the
actress Dame Maggie Smith (s)
45 Short Story: Absolute Zilch,
by Dorien Thomas. Read by
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5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Nick Revell Show:
Commitments. The final episode of the sitcom for the 1990s (s) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s)
7.20 The Elvis Cuft: Ted Harrison visits Graceland, Elvis Presley's home and burial place, and meets the fans who keep his name alive with a religious fervour (s) (r)
8.00 The Clash of Absolutes: In the second of two

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programmes on the politics of
abortion, Conor Gearty
focusses on the presidential
election in the United States
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? Ted
Harrison presents the
magazine for disabled listeners
9.15 Keleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The Financial World
Tonight, with Linda Lews (s)
9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with
Richard Kershaw (s)

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10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Talking

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Talking at the Gates, by James Campbell. Read by John Branwell (9/10) (5)
11.00 Lord Edgware Dies: Second of a five-part dramatisation by Michael Bakewell of Agatha Christie's novel. With John Moffatt as Hercule Poirol (5) (r)
11.30 The Honkytonik Man: Francis Wilfrord Smith looks at the work of blues pianist Cripple Clarence Lofton (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 As World Service (LW only)

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